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Socceroos' New World Cup route

Asian road to USA '94

BY LOU GAUTIER

AUSTRALIA are almost certain to join qualifying groups in Asia for the 1994 World Cup.

Speaking from New York last week, FIFA president Joao Havelange vowed to re-vamp the next World Cup.

Havelange also said that Israel would join a qualifying group in Europe.

And the Oceania region would have to qualify via Asia.

At a news conference to officially kick off the count-



down for the 1994 World Cup in the United States, Havelange also said that Costa Rica could face sanctions because it used an over age player in a youth competition.

nals in Colombia due to threats made to a referee in a South American club match.

He said the ban would only affect games in Colombia, but that Colombian



In addition, FIFA general secretary Joseph Blatter said it was probable that FIFA would impose a ban on internatio-

teams could play abroad.

These proposals will be considered on December 13 at a meeting of FIFA's

executive committee in Zurich.

Havelange and Blatter said that, under their plan, Africa would get three spots instead of the two they have had in recent World Cups.

They said that in addition to its two definite spots, the third Asian team could qualify in a home-and-home playoff against a European team.

In a similar manner, a third team from CONCACAF would play a team from South America.

South America is guaranteed at least three places.

Europe would have 12 or 13 teams, down from its 14 during the 1990 World Cup.

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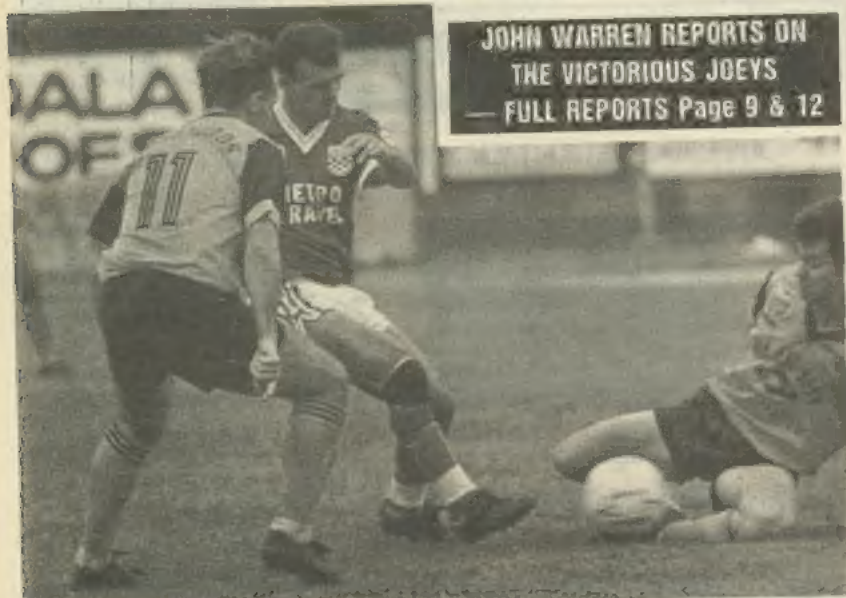
Lou Gautier's

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Heidelberg's John Kanesoulis hits the turf as he tries to intercept a pass from Melbourne Croatia's Josip Biskic. Les Carter (11) watches on. Photograph by JOE MONTEMURRO.

MARSHALL SOPER TRIES A PELÉ!



Parramatta Melita star Marshall Soper goes for an overhead kick, whilst Heidelberg's Angie Goutzoulis looks incredulous. — Photo by STEPHEN GOSCH.

BHP Austral on the job

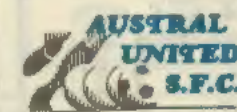
NEWCASTLE GETS ACT TOGETHER

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NEWCASTLE'S BHP Austral has appointed Roy Lowe as fulltime soccer secretary for the club.

The father of well known Marconi striker-cum-midfielder David Lowe, he has a tremendous enthusiasm to work productively for the future of the game.

It is just one of a series of outstanding initiatives designed to take Newcastle into a strong position in the



National Soccer League.

Austral club secretary, former Apia and South Coast goalkeeper Dave McQuire, has a remarkable list of building blocks being put in place.

They involve the licensed club, ground improvements, spon-

sorships, the playing side and development staffing.

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Wounded Marconi v Parra Melita in Sydney

Olympic's Melbourne moment of truth

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

MELBOURNE Croatia should pack the fans in for their clash with Sydney Olympic at Somers St on Sunday.

With the new regime guiding Croatia to the thrashing of Marconi yesterday, Olympic could be next on the hit list.

While Olympic have failed to win away from home this season, the Somers St boys are yet to drop a point on their home turf, and have never lost at home to Olympic.

Prolific goalscorer Joe Caleta should be back on deck for Croatia, following suspension, to add to Olympic's difficulties.

Mick Hickman, the Olympic coach, continues to struggle with the massive injury toll at the club, while his makeshift frontline has lost the way to goal.

With only two goals in four matches away from home, Olympic are a shadow of the side that lifted the Championship last season.

With all the odds heavily stacked against the visitors, Melbourne Croatia should take the points and continue Olympic's woes, no matter whether Abbas Saad and Alistair Edwards make a surprise return or not.

A classic confrontation is expected across town at Connor



GUS CERRO heading the ball against Heidelberg last Saturday. After thrashing the Bergers, the Eagles now face a Marconi side out to make amends for Sunday's hiding in Melbourne — photo by STEVE GOSCH.

Reserve, where Preston play host to Sydney Croatia.

With both sides looking at an improved showing this season, a place in the top five rides on Sunday's result.

Preston have dropped just one point at home, and have cracked in 13 goals in the process.

Sydney Croatia however, are yet to win away from home but have drawn their last three.

The addition of new signing Tony Krslovic from St George for

some \$35,000 will add much needed punch up front for the visitors, who have struggled a little to date in front of goal.

Down the years Preston have won only once in eight clashes between the sides, and a draw looks most likely.

Heidelberg's problems could continue when they host a vastly improved Adelaide City this weekend.

The Bergers, who will miss veteran George Slifkas (suspended), have registered only one win at home to date.

Coach Len McKendry must come up with a quick-fire solution to Heidelberg's troubles, following the thrashing at Melita on Saturday.

Although the Bergers have been beaten only twice in 12 clashes at home against City, they have not won for five matches, and are beginning to lose touch with the leaders.

The "Zebras" on the other hand, are improving with every outing, due mainly to the talents of new boy, Ernie Tapai.

Unbeaten in their

last three away from home, City will prove a tough nut to crack, but the shrewd McKendry should snatch at least a point.

Bossley Park should provide the scene for a crackerjack clash, when the wounded Marconi host a revitalised Parramatta Melita.

The Fairfielders have an outstanding 100% record on their home patch, and will be smarting from their thrashing at Melbourne Croatia yesterday.

Marconi have never beaten Melita at home, and the Eagles will be flying high after their second straight win.

Caretaker coach Roberto Viera, continued his 100% record at Melita with the humbling of Heidelberg on Saturday.

Reserve custodian Mark Schwarzer will be thrown into the fray, following the sending off of regular keeper Bob Catlin during the Melbourne Croatia debacle.

With the Eagles full of confidence and unbeaten away from home this season, a highly entertaining draw looks likely.

With only one defeat at home, Wollongong City should prove a handful for the talented South Melbourne this weekend.

Souths have only picked up one win in their last four matches, and have failed to score in their last three away.

However, Souths are a champion side and should be a little too classy for the Wolves on Sunday.

Apia at home should take both points from the visiting Sunshine, while St George, without a recognised striker following the sale of Tony Krslovic, could hope at best for a draw when they host fellow strugglers Wollongong Macedonia.

Wolves win tense Wollongong derby

BY LEN CHAFER

IN the local derby at Brandon Park Wollongong City came away 2-0 victors on Sunday.



CHARLIE YANKOS

The game did not have the spark as expected, but both teams put in a great effort in humid conditions.

A goal in each half, the first by Pat Brodnik in the 19th minute, and the other by Charlie Yankos in the 53rd minute, secured both points for the Wolves.

It was as early as the sixth minute when the Wolves attacked through the middle.

Mike Hollifield supplied a long left foot pass for Brodnik who ran onto the ball but Warwick Young, the Macedonia goalkeeper, came off his line to smother the shot.

In the 19th minute Yankos took a free kick from inside his own half. Cahut turned on the ball, pushed it to Brodnik who in turn rounded the advancing keeper and slotted the ball into the empty net from eight metres.

Two minutes after Brodnik's goal, Macedonia's new signing Grant Bard had a great chance to equalise when Yankos missed a ball but with only the goalkeeper to beat the striker's effort was saved by keeper George Bouhoutsos.

Macedonia attacked again in the 30th minute and this time it was Graeme Fletcher

who was denied once again by Bouhoutsos.

At this stage it was all Macedonia and new signing Sasha Becvinski hit a shot to the far post but missed the goal completely when a short pass would have done.

Macedonia was not frightened to shoot and John Bradley hit a first time drive from 20 metres that flew well over the bar.

The teams went into the break with the Wolves narrowly in front 1-0.

In the second half both teams were content to push the ball wide on the flanks and it was not until the 53rd minute that

Lloyd put Brodnik through for a second City goal.

Brodnik ran the ball into the penalty area and Wilson with a tackle from behind brought the tearaway striker down.

Yankos completed the honours from the penalty spot.

At this stage Macedonia had to push players forward and attacked more than the Wolves in the first 30 minutes of the second half.

However, the City defence stood firm and Bouhoutsos, who was in top form, stopped the Macedonia attack from scoring.

In the last 15 minutes the Wolves' players were simply going through the motions but Macedonia's attack failed to make any headway.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Young 6, Cavanah 7, Dunn 6, D Wilson 7, Martin Bourke 6, Becvinski 6, Sandy 6, Bradley 5 (Thornthwaite 45m 5), Dimov 6, Fletcher 5, Bard 6.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoutsos 8, Green 7, Hollifield 6, Morlando 6, Yankos 6, Lloyd 6, Skeen 7, Cahut 7, Bate 5, Brodnik 7, Oldridge 6 (Farmer 85m).

SCORERS: P. Brodnik 19m, C. Yankos 53m for Wollongong City.

YELLOW CARDS: D. Wilson 20m (WM), D. Green 75 (WC).

REFEREE: P. Spiers 6.

CROWD: 4127.

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Melita v Heidelberg

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2 Cerro (ME)
1 Brown (ME)

W'gong City v W'gong Mac

- 3 G. Bouhoutsos (WC)
2 D. Wilson (WM)
1 I. Cahut (WC)

Sydney Oly v Sunshine G.C.

- 3 Bennett (SO)
2 Ironside (SO)
1 Waddell (Sun)

Sth Melb v Preston

- 3 Durakovic (SM)
2 Jackson (P)
1 Tsolakis (SM)

Melb Croatia v Marconi

- 3 Donnelly (MC)
2 Bliskic (MC)
1 Milosevic (MC)

Syd Croatia v Apia

- 3 Petkovic (SC)
2 Krslovic (SC)
1 Jennings (A)

Ad City v St George

- 3 Koczka (StG)
2 A. Vidman (AC)
1 Harper (StG)

PLAYER POINTS

- 12: Stubbins (H)
11: Petkovic (SC)
10: Filan (StG)
8: Ivanovich (Ad City),
Bundalo (AL)
7: A McCulloch (Marc),
Bliskic (MC), McPherson
(P Mel), Jackson (Pres),
Krslovic (SC), Ironside
(SO), Sken (WC), Yankos
(WC).

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Heidelberg's Stuart Stevenson gets the better of Marshall Soper this time, but Melita Eagles trounced the Bergers 4-0 last Saturday — STEVE GOSCH pic.

Souths scoreless again

BY JOHN MANGAN

AN impressive defensive display by Preston Makedonia gave them a share of points with South Melbourne Hellas in a hard fought and at times exciting 0-0 draw at Middle Park on Sunday night.

Preston boss John Gardiner said after the game that he had been particularly keen not to let South Melbourne Hellas score as he feared for the safety of the crowd and the players after an incident a fortnight ago when a section of the fence at Middle Park collapsed after Hellas scored against Sunshine George Cross.

He had nothing to worry about as his defence consistently thwarted the home team on the edge of the box and virtually marked Hellas' lethal striker Paul Trimboli out of the game.

It is a sign of the young player's class then that the one chance he had almost sewed up the game.

He shook off his markers in the 52nd minute and turned on the ball beating goalkeeper Phil Trajanedes with a shot

which slammed against the underside of the bar and bounced back into play.

With Trimboli effectively silenced, a scoring opportunity fell to Kimon Taliadoros in the 65th minute but the tall striker somehow headed a cross from Peter Tsolakis over the bar.

While Preston Makedonia matched Hellas all over the ground in the first term, in the second half the visitors were content to sit back in defence and attack Hellas on the break.

Makedonia clearly missed the penetration of striker Warren Spink who is sidelined with an ankle injury, but his replacement Kris Trajanovski almost got his name on the scoresheet when he fired in a close range shot which was bravely saved by Hellas keeper Bruce MacLaren in the 58th minute.

In the last minute of play Makedonia's Robert Markovac almost notched up his second goal of the season when he headed an awkward ball across the face of the goal.

In the end, though, the glory went to both

teams' defenders. Makedonia's Steve Jackson and Shaun Parton were impressive, while Hellas' Mehmet Durakovic made some critical interceptions.

Gardiner said after the game that he was disappointed his team's NSL cup tie against Marconi has been shifted to Marconi.

While he could understand the tie being moved to Sydney, he said he thought it should at least be played at a neutral venue instead of Marconi's club ground.

Hellas boss Ferenc Puskas was less talkative after the game, declining to speak to the press but it is believed that he was upset with the performance of referee John Fraser.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: MacLaren 7, Healy 7 (Palatides 63), Postecoglou 6, Durakovic 8, Blair 7, Wade 6, Taliadoros 6, Petersen 7, Trimboli 6, Taslos 6 (Fernandes 75), Tsolakis 7.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Trajanedes 7, Roodhouse 7, Jolevski 7, Jackson 8, Parton 7, Petrov 6, Zinni 6, Trajanovski 6, Tasevski 7, Crino 7, Markovac 6.

REFEREE: John Fraser

CROWD: approx 7,000.

\$35,000 Krslovic inspires new club

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

TWO stunning goals from Sydney Croatia's new signing Tony Krslovic lifted his side to a gallant 2-1 win over an unlucky Apia Leichhardt at the Croatian Sports Centre last night.

Although the much-awaited appearance of former Yugoslav international Blaz Sliskovic failed to materialise because of visa problems, Croatia did have a surprise up their sleeve with the transfer late last week of Tony Krslovic from St George for a reported \$35,000.

Midfield general Ivan Petkovic wasted a good early chance to put Croatia ahead in the fifth minute sending his shot sailing over the bar, from four metres out after Apia keeper Brett Hughes fumbled a curling cross from the right.

For much of the first half, fans were treated to a cat and mouse midfield affair with both teams paying far too much respect for each other.

All the action was confined to midfield with defences comfortably dealing with the occasional counter attack.

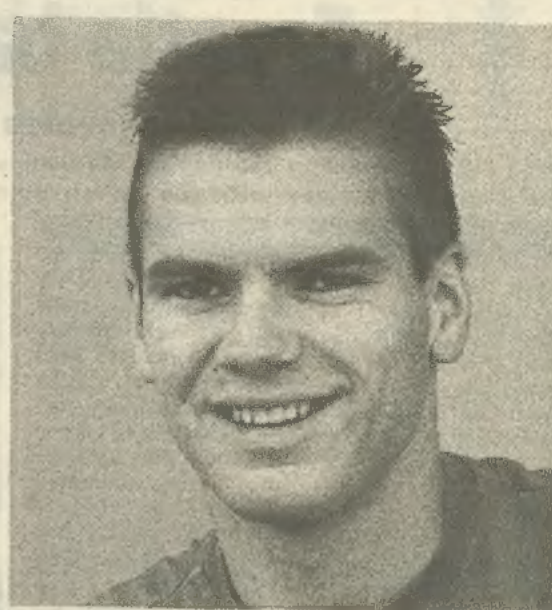
Petkovic was again running the show for Croatia using the width of the park to full advantage with sweeping balls to both flanks and looking for the speed of Manis Lamond to get behind Apia's defence.

But with former Soceroo defender Graham Jennings having a steadying influence, Apia stood firm, reducing Croatia to attempting harmless long range attempts.

The second period got off to a sensational start with Apia taking the lead after only six minutes.

Croatia defender Velimir Kupresak failed to clear the ball away, allowing John McQuarrie to pounce and find the corner of the net with a 10-metre angled shot.

That goal further inspired an Apia side which began to get right on top with some delightful football patiently built up from midfield, but the final twist was still to come.



TONY KRSLOVIC

Croatia hit back in the 64th minute against the run of play and it was prodigal son Krslovic who did the damage.

The young striker climbed high to meet a Petkovic freekick from the left and glance it past the stranded Hughes.

Within seven minutes Croatia were unlucky not to go ahead after Pedro Ricoy headed another Petkovic cross against the bar.

The match had by now developed into a pulsating end-to-end contest, with both sides going all out to get the late winner.

In the end it was left to Krslovic to supply the fairytale touch, clinching the points with

just four minutes left.

He collected the ball from Ricoy inside the box, turned and hit a powerful drive which Hughes partly stopped but could not prevent from finding its way into the net.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken 7, Carter 7, Popovich 6, Zelic 6, Kupresak 6, Runje 6, Petkovic 8, Gibson 6 (Jurlin 87m), Ricoy 7, Lamond 6, Krslovic 7.

APIA: Hughes 6, Blagojevic 6, Jennings 7, Stewart 6, Brown 6, McQuarrie 7, K. Okon 7, Gomez 7, McFadden 6, Bundalo 6, Lemezina 6 (Maloney 75m).

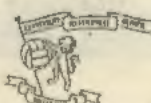
SCORERS: Krslovic 64 & 86m for Croatia; McQuarrie 51m for Apia.

CROWD: 3852.

REFEREE: D. Voutalnas 7.

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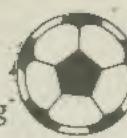
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Catlin sent off, then Croatia bang in six

BY GREG BLAKE

JUST 12 months ago rampaging Marconi came to Melbourne and scampered away with the match points despite playing much of the game with just 10 men.

Just that short time down the track it was the same scenario as Marconi was left a man short after just one minute's play when mammoth goalkeeper Bob Catlin was sent from the field by referee Chris Bambridge.

This time around the contrast in fortunes was dramatic as Melbourne Croatia sent Marconi crashing to the greatest defeat in that club's history.

Coachless Melbourne Croatia thrashed Marconi 6-0, eclipsing the Sydney juggernaut's previous worst defeat of 5-0 against Sydney City in 1981.

Melbourne Croatia's 6-0 triumph was also a club record as it equalled a 6-0 win scored against Blacktown in 1989.

The game was all

but decided inside the first 60 seconds as in-form Ivan Duzel played Ivan Kelic through into the penalty area and a diving Catlin bought the lanky forward crashing to earth.

Catlin, who later denied having committed the foul, not only conceded a penalty but was sent off the field for his trouble.

John Markovski, returning to Somers Street for the first time since his off season transfer to Sydney, took Catlin's place between the sticks but couldn't stop the resultant penalty kick which was successfully converted by Branko Milosevic.

Marconi coach Berti Mariani refused to comment on either the penalty or the red card but referee Bambridge was adamant that he



BOBBY CATLIN

had made the right decision.

"Kelic was through and it was a professional foul and a goal scoring opportunity,"

the match referee said after the game.

Bambridge said it had been the first time he had enforced the new rule.

It was little compensation to a Marconi side which was already on the canvas and struggling against 11 Melbourne Croatia players on a mission.

Croatia made it 2-0 after 28 minutes when Duzel sent Francis Awaritefe away and the pacy striker drew Markovski before slotting the ball home.

Duzel's half volley from a Biskic cross made it 3-0 on the half hour and the homeside went further ahead a minute from half time when George Hannah headed home a cross from the busy Paul Donnelly.

A spectacular volley from Duzel in the 67th minute made any thoughts of a Marconi comeback unlikely.

Although the Sydney side did its best under adverse circumstances its best chance was hit off the post by David Lowe and the miss was symbolic of the day.

Six minutes from time Donnelly's through ball put Awaritefe in the clear and he outpaced the defence to make it a resounding 6-0 result.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller 7, Davidson 7, Marth 8, Selemidis 7, Hannah 7 (Gibac 53), Duzel 8 (Petravic 71), Milosevic 8, Biskic 8, Donnelly 8, Kelic 6, Awaritefe 7.

MARCONI: Catlin (sent off 1m), Wheatley 4, de Marigny 6, Calderan 5, Okon 6, Katholos 4 (Nastevski 65), McCulloch 4, Jones 6, Seal (Corica 35) 4, Markovski 4, Lowe 5.

SCORERS: Milosevic 3m, Awaritefe 28m & 84m, Duzel 31m & 67m, Hannah 44m (MC).

RED CARDS: Catlin 1m (Marconi).

YELLOW CARDS: Milosevic 11m, Duzel 60m (MC).

REFEREE: C Bambridge 6.

CROWD: 3,500.

Gimenez destroys Bergers

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MELITA EAGLES gave visiting Heidelberg a 4-0 thrashing last Saturday night and in fact could easily have scored another three goals at the Melita Stadium.



Gus Cerro of Parramatta Melita Eagles receives a pat on the head from a Heidelberg United opponent at Melita Stadium on Saturday night. Cerro was one of the stars in the Eagles 4-0 demolition of the Melbourne side — Pic: STEPHEN GOSCH.

In easily the best match I have seen in the NSL this season, Melita were magnificent.

Their attacking, passing, clean defending and one-touch football is fabulous to watch.

There is a definite South American flavour in their style, obviously due to Raul Blanco's long-term coaching and the inclusion of three South American players who have influenced the rest of the team.

Heidelberg's headaches started as early as in the ninth minute when George Slifkas was sent off by referee Bill Monteverde.

Slifkas knocked man of the match Hugo Gimenez out with a head butt.

From then on, Melita, with an extra player, took full command to destroy Heidelberg.

The head-butt inspired Gimenez to greater heights and he scored the first goal and set up two others.

In the 26th minute, the first and best goal was scored.

Marshall Soper in "Zico style" back-heeled a fabulous ball to

fellow striker Greg Brown wide on the right. Brown shot hard from 12 metres to crash onto the crossbar.

The rebound, hit by midfielder Anthony Parison, was also blocked but Gimenez raced in to smash the second rebound into the net past former World Cup goalkeeper Jeff Olver.

Two minutes later, Brown crossed from the right but Soper's diving header hit the side netting.

Right on halftime, Gus Cerro blasted a rocketing 35 metre drive which Olver just managed to stop.

Five minutes after halftime, Melita made it 2-0.

Cerro pushed a ball wide to the right to Parison who crossed into Heidelberg's box.

Geoff Gunning raced in and blasted a first timed drive from 12 metres that crashed into the net.

Just four minutes later, (54th minute) Melita were in again.

Brown streaked away at 150 kph in a 40-metre break, drew out off his

line Jeff Olver, then calmly went around him to score from a sharp angle on the left to make it 3-0.

In the 61st minute, Marshall Soper scored a fabulous goal to make it 4-0 to Melita.

Gimenez pumped a long 50-metre accurate pass wide to the right to pick up Brown, who crossed into Heidelberg's box where Soper climbed high on the second post to crash his header into the net.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 5, O'Donnell 5, Barrios 6, Gonzalez 6, Parison 5 (Nowicki 53m), Gimenez 8, Cerro 7, Gunning 6, Soper 7 (Williams 80m), Brown 7.

HEIDELBERG: Olver 5, Kanesoullis 5, Illopoulos 5, McDowell 6, Bordignon 5, Herd 5, Carter 5 (Ousalkis 85m), Brattan 6, Goutzoullis 5, Slifkas (sent off), Stevensonn 6.

SCORERS: Gimenez 26m, Gunning 50m, Brown 54m, Soper 61m for Melita.

YELLOW CARDS: Gimenez for Melita; Herd, Brattan, Goutzoullis, McDowell for Heidelberg.

RED CARD: Slifkas for Heidelberg.

REFEREE: B. Monteverde 5.

CROWD: 1725.

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What are your ideas to advance the great game of soccer football? Tell them to Stephen Oldridge, as he moves to various grounds.



ANOTHER HIGHLY READABLE ASW FEATURE

Defenders bring Olympic home

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BY defeating visitors Sunshine George Cross 2-0 last night at St George Stadium, Sydney Olympic recorded only their second victory in nine league matches.

Olympic bounced back in tremendous spirit after suffering a humiliating 4-1 thumping last weekend by Marconi.

The Sydney side and current NSL champions have suffered a dearth of goals.

Last night in fact both goals were scored by defenders in a 15 minute onslaught in the second half.

Olympic opened the scoring five minutes after half time through a screamer by right-back, Davey Barrett.

Robbie Hooker slung a free kick from the left flank across field for Barrett to blast a rocketing 25 metre drive that picked up a slight deflection off Sunshine's sweeper John Waddell before flashing into goal.

Six minutes later Olympic rolled the scoreboard a second time following a corner taken by Steve Refenes.

The ball flew across the box to the second post where teenage debut-making striker Pablo Cardoza pushed the ball for Plataniotis to hammer his header into goal from six metres.



Robbie Hooker

Sunshine's only ray of hope shone in the 65th minute when right back Damian Mori headed a well-directed cross from the right which Clint Gosling managed totip over.

A much relieved Olympic coach Mick Hickman stated after the match: "It was a good performance. We worked hard despite injuries, and hopefully we are back on track."

Sunshine coach Ernie Merrick commented: "We were totally outplayed and had very few shots on goal. Only a handful of our players wanted the ball."

"The combat between Refenes and Mori was good to watch."

In the first half Olympic should have led by two goals when they missed glorious scoring situations.

In the 14th minute midfielder Eric Hristodoulou cracked a 40 metre ball wide to the left to pick up Steve Refenes. Refenes cut the ball back off the byline but rugged Kiwi midfielder Robbie Ironside missed from an excellent scoring position.

Hristodoulou in the 24th minute blasted from the edge of the box only to watch in horror his shot cannon into team mate, Pablo Cardoza.

The rebound was hit by Cardoza which went wide.

Robbie Ironside Olympic's Kiwi international midfielder played a courageous role despite suffering a groin injury.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling 6, Barrett 6, Plataniotis 6, Spyridakos 6, Hooker 6, Phillips 6, Hristodoulou 6, Ironside 6, Refenes 6 (Ollerenshaw 75), Bennett 7, Cardoza 6.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Talla 7, Mori 6, Katsakidis 5, Waddell 7, Roodhouse 5, Kindtner 6, Foster 6, Cranney 6, Hunter 6 (Humble 66), Hassler 6.

SCORERS: Barrett 50m, Plataniotis 56m (SO).

YELLOW CARDS: Ironside 44m (SO).

REFEREE: J McConnell 8.

CROWD: 2,706.

Mullen gets a last-gasp win

BY ALAN CLARK

A last-minute goal by striker Joe Mullen on Sunday gave Adelaide City its first home NSL victory of the season against St George at Hindmarsh Stadium.



Joe Mullen

After an even first half, City blitzed the Saints after the break.

But with Andy Koczka in tremendous form and the City strikers out of luck, Saints held on until Mullen notched his last-minute clincher.

St George sprung two surprises before a ball was kicked.

Ace striker Tony Krslovic had been sold to Sydney Croatia, and Yugoslav import Kaset Katovic was drafted into the side.

He looked a tall, elegant midfield player of promise.

Saints were much stronger than when City humbled them in the Cup a fortnight ago, and there was fluency in the early build-up with Katovic prominent.

City dazzled on the break, but was let down by its final crucial pass.

The home side received a shock in 16 minutes when \$30,000 buy Ernie Tapai was carried off with an ankle injury.

Former youth international John Christopoulos made his debut off the bench.

Matthew Bingley, in his return for the Saints, played impressively and brought a world class save out of Robert Zabica in 27 minutes.

He turned and drove in a 20-metre shot that Zabica parried. Zoran Ilic shaved a post off a defender from the rebound.

Joe Mullen was taken off for treatment for a head knock, but returned only to waste a glorious chance for City in 34 minutes.

He shot past from 15 metres, with only John Filan to beat.

In 37 minutes City was forced into another change with Charley Villani damaging a hamstring.

Teenage striker Joe Barbero came on.

Elusive St George

winger Osvaldo El Ali almost put his side ahead just before the interval with a crisp shot that was well held by Zabica.

The second half started tentatively but City eventually ran into top gear but a series of incredible misses saw Saints survive.

Teenage striker Joe Barbero had the ball in the net in the 54th minute after a dreadful blunder by Filan but was adjudged off side.

Barbaro showed a little lack of composure when left with two other golden chances, but in the end it was City's night because of Mullen.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica 7, Shillabeer 6, T. Vidmar 6, Ivanovich 7, Tobin 7, Villani (Barbaro 37m, 6), Tapai (Krisopoulos 6, 21m), Ceoboth 6, Mullen 6, Maxwell 5, A. Vidmar 7.

ST GEORGE: Filan 7, Milicevic 6, Spanydakos 6, Moffitt 7, Koczka 6, O'Shea 6, Nic 6, Katovic 6 (Baillie 72m), Bingley 6, Harper 7, El-Ali 6 (Easthorpe 82m).

SCORER: Maxwell 89m for AdCity.

CROWD: 3250.

REFEREE: J. Santasabel 6.

QUIT NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi.....	9	6	0	3	18	11	12
Melb. Croatia.....	9	5	2	2	21	15	12
South Melbourne.....	9	4	4	1	12	8	12
Preston.....	9	4	3	2	15	9	11
Wollongong City.....	9	5	1	3	12	9	11
Sydney Croatia.....	9	3	5	1	9	8	11
Adelaide City.....	9	3	4	2	11	10	10
Parra Melita.....	9	3	3	3	13	12	9
Sydney Olympic.....	9	2	5	2	8	10	9
Apia Leichhardt.....	9	3	1	5	10	12	7
Heidelberg Utd.....	9	2	3	4	10	13	7
Sunshine GC.....	9	2	2	5	17	23	6
St George.....	9	1	3	5	10	16	5
Wollongong Macedonia.....	9	0	4	5	4	14	4

Results

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 PRESTON 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 7,000.
MELBOURNE CROATIA 5 (Awaritefa 2, Duzel 2, Milosevic, Hannah) **MARCONI 0** at Somers St. Crowd: 3500.
PARRA MELITA 4 (Gimenez, Soper, Gunning, Brown) **HEIDELBERG 0** at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 1725.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Barrett, Plataniotis) **SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0** at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2706.
WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Brodnik, Yankos) **WOLL MACE DONIA 0** at Brandon Park. Crowd: 4127.
SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Krslovic 2) **APIA LEICHHARDT 1** (McQuarrie) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 3852.
ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Mullen) **ST GEORGE 0** at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3250.

CROWDS

ROUND 9: 28,160
 AVERAGE PER GAME: 3,737
 TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 205,002
 AVERAGE PER ROUND: 22,778

TOP SCORERS

TONY KRSLOVIC (Sydney Croatia)	7
GREG BROWN (Parra Melita)	6
DAVID SEAL (Marconi)	6
WARREN SPINK (Preston)	6

NSL CUP



ROUND 2

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

☆ **APIA LEICHHARDT vs WOLLONGONG CITY**

St George Stadium 7.30pm

☆ **MELITA EAGLES vs ADELAIDE CITY**

Melita Stadium 7.30pm

☆ **STH MELBOURNE vs SUNSHINE G.C.**

Olympic Park 8.00pm

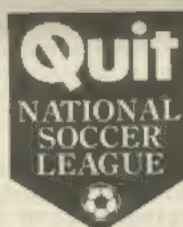
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

☆ **MARCONI vs PRESTON MAKEDONIA**

Marconi Stadium 7.30pm

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QUIT NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



WEEKEND
FIXTURES

ROUND 10



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

MARCONI v MELITA EAGLES
Marconi Stadium 7pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

APIA LEICHHARDT v SUNSHINE G.C.
Lambert Park 6pm

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v SYDNEY CROATIA
Connor Reserve 6pm

WOLLONGONG CITY v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS
Brandon Park 7pm

ST GEORGE BSC v WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA
St George Stadium 7pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED v ADELAIDE CITY
Olympic Village 6pm

MELBOURNE CROATIA v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
Somers Street 6pm



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BHP AUSTRAL ON THE JOB AUSTRAL GETS ITS ACT TOGETHER

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as ground signage and match day arrangements.

"No less than 55 more Newcastle companies have indicated that they will provide various types of assistance when we gain our NSL position."

The plot is to commence building the grandstand and complete it by August.

Ten firms are negotiating for corporate boxes, of which there will be 25.

Two companies are negotiating for ground and grandstand naming rights, each of which should bring in \$250,000 over five years.

Newcastle City Council has given development approval for the grandstand, expansion of the club and ground facilities.

The application to the NSW Dept of Sport, Recreation and Racing for a development loan has the support of the NNSW Soc-

cer Federation and other bodies.

30,000 cubic metres of fill has been used to form the embankments, new turf has been laid, and landscaping and planting of shrubs will be completed by Christmas.

The concrete pathing around the ground should be finished by the weekend.

Concerning the playing side, Mr McQuire said: "Our priorities called for getting all the infrastructure in place, after which we would attend to the necessary improvements to the squad."

"We have had approaches from many quality players, some of whom come from this district and others from outside."

"Last year we won the NSW Youth League and have many of our own products on the way through."

"Five have signed three year contracts."

"Richie Johnson is an excellent young striker."

"Troy Halpin will be with the Australian Schools squad on their South East Asian tour."

"He is having a short spell at Liverpool also."

"Another striker, Costa Camakamis is currently in Greece."

In addition, Austral will appoint its fulltime development officer as soon as it knows that it is accepted for the NSL.

In earlier days Newcastle KB was the best supported club in the NSL.

Current plans are to return the Hunter Region to its glory days, and to this end there will be other exciting announcements.

SUNSHINE DEVELOPES

SUNSHINE George Cross has gone out into its local zones with a series of coaching clinics with a view to fostering local talent.

In the near future, the club will be attending local schools to host clinics.

The clinics start tomorrow (Tuesday), with nearby St John's College students travelling to Skinner Reserve.

The courses will be co-ordinated by star midfielder David Clarkson while other NSL players will also be involved.

Victoria's Health Foundation is adding its support by donating prizes for the students.

—GREG BLAKE

Olympic chases Saad, Edwards

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

IT'S desperation stakes for NSL champions Sydney Olympic, as they try to get their dynamic strike-duo, Abbas Saad and Alistair Edwards, back to Australia from Singapore for Sunday's away match against Melbourne Croatia.



ABBAS SAAD

Both strikers are urgently needed by the goal-strapped club, who have been dropping vital league points with a succession of draws.

Saad, who is on loan to Singapore, and Edwards, who is freelancing, were expected to be back in Sydney today after their semi-final clash on Saturday night against a Malaysian side, which they might well have lost.

This would automatically have knocked Singapore out of the play-offs, thus releasing the Aussie strikers to return home.

But Singapore pulled off a shock 4-1 win against the Malaysians.

Saad scored two of the goals after being set up by Edwards.

The first came from

an Edwards cross, which Saad blasted home.

Saad scored his second when Edwards hit the post and he hammered the rebound back into goal.

Singapore now has one week off before the finals, so Olympic officials will attempt to gain their services for Sunday's vital game.

'KING' HUGO

MELITA's South American playmaker Hugo Gimenez is a supremely intelligent, non-stop action player who is absolutely magnificent to watch.

He is highly skilful, entertaining and, above all, most constructive.

Australia has no other midfielder to match him.

Built very much like Diego Maradona, Gimenez is also an Argentinian.

Gimenez is dark and aged only 25 years. He wears Melita's No 8 shirt and directs all traffic from the middle with his fantastic distribution of the ball.

Many of his long passes are typical South American passes which he flicks with the outside of his right boot with lethal accuracy no matter how far away the receiver is positioned.

Gimenez would be an adornment to the Soccerro squad which badly needs a playmaker of his calibre if it is to prosper under Eddie Thomson.

Gimenez told me after the match against Heidelberg: "Maybe I am playing better now because I am more confident."

"It was all strange to me when I first came here last year."

— JOHN ECONOMOS

Close Cup ties forecast

BY LACHLAN BARKER

WEDNESDAY night's NSL Cup fixtures will all be close affairs.

League form will count for little in the steamy tension of a cup tie atmosphere, and tipsters would be advised to have a bit each way on most games.

Parramatta Melita vs Adelaide City at Melita Stadium throws up one obvious question...who will mark Ernie Tapai?

Tapai has been in scintillating form for the South Australians and if he gets any room it could be on for young and old in the Melita goalmouth.

He will be well supported by Steve Maxwell, Aurelio Vidmar and Robert Csoboth.

If Melita can blunt this strike force a close game should ensue.

Adcity will have to shackle long striding forward Marshall Soper, and beware the scheming of Hugo Gimenez and Washington Gonzalez who are always dangerous.

Adcity by the odd goal.



ALEX BUNDALO

South Melbourne Hellas would seem logical favourites over Sunshine on paper. However, their anonymous performance against Apia and Sunshine's tendency to take part in goal fests (Sunshine took Hellas to 3-4 two weeks ago) indicate that anything can happen.

If Hellas' much vaunted forwards, Tasios, Taliadoros and Tsolakis fire and midfielders like Wade get



ERNIE TAPAI

a roll on, Souths may put in three or four goals.

Combining a strong attacking performance with big Steve Blair flying at the back should ensure a Souths victory.

Yet, no matter how many they score, they had better be watching Sunshine every second as they never stop fighting.

Another close match will be the encounter between Apia and Wollongong City.

Wollongong coach David Ratcliffe is wary of the Apia threat, but confident of victory.

"Apia have been playing well all year but just not scoring. Now they are putting it together, they will be a tough proposition," said Ratcliffe.

Wollongong have a couple of injury worries, but Ratcliffe is hopeful that two players, Skeen and Green, will be fit.

Wollongong will stick to the style of play that has made their league season successful so far.

Ratcliffe sees no

need to mark any particular Apia player, saying that: "marking any particular player only gives others room. Apia have plenty of talent and any one of their attackers could benefit from this."

He will ensure that Wollongong play their own game, saying: "we have some good players and have been playing well, we should do OK on the night."

Apia for their part are flying high after blitzing Souths.

Apia must be tempted to play Mark Brown to man-mark prolific Wollongong forward Frank Bate. This would allow powerful stopper Darren Stewart to come marauding forward as he did against Hellas.

Stewart's thrust plus the busy work of Klaus Okon, Alex Bundalo and Milan Blagojevic will be the foundation of Apia's chances.

My belief is that whoever takes penalties better could be the winner here.

Extra Melita Stadium lights for Wednesday

MELITA Stadium will be lit up like a Christmas tree on Wednesday night, according to club president, Sam Vella.

Parramatta Melita faces Adelaide City in round 2 of the NSL Cup, and the lighting had to be drastically upgraded.

In all, 96 lights have been added. At one stage it appeared that the match would be transferred to some other venue with better lighting.

But Mr Vella and his committee moved quickly to arrange for additional floodlights to be incorporated in with the existing system.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

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THE POOLS

THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 280
SAT. 8th DECEMBER, 1990

ASTON VILLA	MAN CITY	1
CHELSEA	CRYSTAL PALACE	2
EVERTON	COVENTRY	3
LUTON	ARSENAL	4
MAN UNITED	LEEDS	5
NORWICH	SOUTHAMPTON	6
NOTT.F.	LIVERPOOL	7
SHEFF. UTD.	DERBY	8
TOTTENHAM	SUNDERLAND	9
WIMBLEDON	Q.P.R.	10
BARNLEY	BRISTOL R.	11
BRISTOL CITY	SHEFF. WED.	12
CHARLTON	NOTTS COUNT.	13
HULL	BLACKBURN	14
IPSWICH	SWINDON	15
LEICESTER	OLDHAM	16
MIDDLESBRO	WEST BROM.	17
NEWCASTLE	BRIGHTON	18
OXFORD UTD.	MILLWALL	19
PORTSMOUTH	WEST HAM	20
WATFORD	PLYMOUTH	21
WOLVES	PORT VALE	22
ALDERSHOT	MAIDSTONE	23
CHESTERFIELD	BOLTON	24
HUDDERSFIELD	BLACKPOOL	25
ROTHERHAM	HALIFAX	26
ROTHAM	WALSALL	27
WIGAN A.	HARTLEPOOL	28
BANGOR	SHEPshed	29
BISHOP AUK.	MARINE	30
DROYLSDEN	HYDE	31
FLEETWOOD	GAINSBOROUGH	32
FRICKLEY A.	SOUTHPORT	33
BURTON A.	GLOUCESTER	34
CAMBRIDGE C.	WEALDSTONE	35
CRAWLEY	DARTFORD	36
DOVER	MOOR GREEN	37
GREENSBORO	HALSOWEN	38

RESERVE MATCHES

BASINGSTOKE	BARING	39
BISHOPS A.	HENDON	40
BOGNOR R.	AYLESBURY	41
CARSHALTON	REDBRIDGE	42
DAGENHAM	HARROW	43
DUNDEE UTD.	CELTIC	44
DUNFERMLINE	ST MIRREN	45
HEARTS	ABERDEEN	46
MOTHERWELL	HIBERNIAN	47
RANGERS	ST JOHNSTONE	48
AIRDRIE	CLYDE	49
BRECHIN	HAMILTON	50
FORFAR	FALKIRK	51
KILMARNOCK	DUNDEE	52
MEADOWBANK	CLYDEBANK	53
PARTRICK	MORTON	54
RAITH	AYR	55

* Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

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MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 279
SAT. 1st DECEMBER, 1990

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ASTON VILLA	SHEFF. UTD.	1	2-1
	CRYSTAL PALACE	COVENTRY	2	2-1
	LEEDS	SOUTHAMPTON	3	2-1
	MAN. CITY	Q.P.R.	4	2-1
	NORWICH	WIMBLEDON	5	0-4
	NOTTINGHAM F.	LUTON	6	2-2*
	SUNDERLAND	DERBY	7	1-2
	BRISTOL C.	CHARLTON	8	0-1
	LEICESTER	NEWCASTLE	9	5-4
	MIDDLESBRO	HULL	10	3-0
	MILLWALL	BRISTOL R.	11	1-2
	OLDHAM	BRIGHTON	12	6-1
	PORT VALE	PLYMOUTH	13	5-1
	PORTSMOUTH	OXFORD UTD.	14	1-1*
	SHEFF. WED.	NOTTS C.	15	2-2*
	SWINDON	BLACKBURN	16	1-1*
	WATFORD	BARNLEY	17	0-0
	WEST HAM	WEST BROM.	18	3-1
	WOLVES	IPSWICH	19	2-2*
	BOLTON	TRANMERE	20	2-1
	CHESTER	BOURNEMOUTH	21	0-0
	EXETER	STOKE	22	2-0
	GRIMSBY	MANSFIELD	23	2-0
	PRESTON	SHREWSBURY	24	4-3
	READING	FULHAM	25	1-0
	ROTHERHAM	SOUTHEND	26	0-1
	SWANSEA	BIRMINGHAM	27	2-0
	WIGAN A.	BURY	28	1-2
	BURNLEY	CARDIFF	29	2-0
	CHESTERFIELD	GILLINGHAM	30	1-1*
	DONCASTER	ALDERSHOT	31	3-0
	HEREFORD	BLACKPOOL	32	1-1*
	LINCOLN	SCARBORO	33	2-0
	MAIDSTONE	PETERBORO	34	2-0
	NORTHAMPTON	ROCHDALE	35	3-2
	STOCKPORT	DARLINGTON	36	3-1
	TORQUAY	HARTLEPOOL	37	0-1
	WALSALL	HALIFAX	38	3-1



THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 26/11/90 — WEEK 278

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED										NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED												
1	31	35	42	21	36	50	37	53		1	0	12	5	4	1	6	4	3	7	3	6	0
2	47	80	58	52	15	50	55	54	48	8	10	7	0	12	13	6	14	2	3	18	4	0
3	57	40	30	23	21	53	56	56	62	17	3	0	18	20	21	1	4	0	22	23	24	0
4	25	29	27	28	29	38	31	32		22	1	26	0	23	10	28	29	1	36	9	3	3
5	33	34	35	36	37	38				33	1	34	35	36	37	38	5					
Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools																						

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RESULTS OF WEEK 279 SAT 2 DECEMBER, 1990

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
6, 15, 16, 19, 30, 32.
Supplementary Number: 14.

English division one	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Liverpool	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Arsenal	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Crystal Palace	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Tottenham	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Leeds	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Ranchester City	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Ranchester United	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Chelsea	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Luton	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Nottingham Forest	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Aston Villa	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Norwich	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Derby	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Southampton	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Sunderland	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Coventry	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Everton	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Queen's Park Rangers	14	12	3	0	1	4	28
Sheffield United	14	12	3	0	1	4	28

English division two	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
West Ham	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Gloucester	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Middlesbrough	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Sheff. Wed.	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Wolverhampton	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Millwall	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Nottingham Forest	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Barnley	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Bristol Rovers	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Port Vale	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Leeds	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Brighton	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Bristol City	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Blackburn	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Plymouth	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Newcastle	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
West Bromwich	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Swindon	19	12	7	0	1	4	28
Leeds	19	12	7	0	1	4	28

English division three	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Southend	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Grimsby	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Stoke	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Luton	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Bury	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Bolton	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Tranmere	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Bournemouth	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Cambridge	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Brentford	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Reading	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Huddersfield	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Bradford	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Birmingham	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Wigan	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Swansea	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Preston	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Exeter	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Sheff. Wed.	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Crewe	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Fulham	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Shrewsbury	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Walsall	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
Rotherham	17	12	7	0	1	4	28

English division four	17	12	7	0	1	4	28
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Berwick	2
Dundee	0
Dundee United	0
East Fife	1
Stranraer	1
Conference League	
Telford	0
Welling	4
Wycombe	2
Yeovil	1

Football greatness demands hard work

BY MIKE JOHNSON

IT was just 5.45pm as I drove into Marconi Stadium for the 7pm game between the home side and Sydney Olympic.

Already there were thousands in the stadium and masses were streaming toward the entrances for the clash between last year's grand finalists.

I was particularly interested in four players: Andrew Bernal, Scott Ollerenshaw, David Seal and John Markovski.

Bernal had said that it was only the games against the big teams such as Marconi which were holding his interest and concentration in Australian soccer.

One couldn't understand that.

Modern football is not just about defenders stopping attackers.

Good, all round defenders, including central defenders, are expected to attack with skill.

I have not as yet seen Bernal score a goal for Olympic this season, nor set one up for a team mate.

One has not seen him win a ball from a striker, run forward with it, play a wallpass approaching the penalty area, then hammer it into the top corner of the net.

Now that takes some doing, that takes skill whether in Spain, England or Australia, and Andrew whilst having technical ability has

not displayed such skill in Australia.

That in itself is challenge enough for him.

He played well defensively for Olympic against Marconi till going off toward the end with a leg muscle strain.

One had heard in a TV interview with him that he was doing much running and weight training.

Perhaps too much leg strains are often caused by an overload of work on muscles.

Perhaps he should seek instead to improve the skills of through passing, dribbling, wall passing, shooting and heading, all of which would make him more effective at set play and open play.

Scott Ollerenshaw has been having a quiet time, one of those responsible for the poor goal scoring record of Olympic.

Comeback

After almost a season out with an ankle injury there is some excuse for this player, who not so long ago was in the national team.

There are many things he needs to do better, but the most obvious is that of commitment, competitiveness and energy.

Supporters are seldom frustrated by players who compete 110 per cent for the whole game.

If Olympic were to play England's Liverpool next Wednesday night, he would run, he would tackle, he



DAVID SEAL

would chase, he would battle till he had no breath left.

When you are struggling for form that is one way to keep in the first team.

The other way, when you are a striker being paid big money with a big club, is to spend every day working on a striker's skills, especially those of finishing.

David Seal has good shooting skills, fair heading ability and a striker's reflexes and instinct for goal opportunities.

He also has an awareness of when and where to lay balls off to team mates; knows when to cross and how to cross.

His finishing ability, awareness and general game, all suggest he will be an outstanding player.

How outstanding will depend on the inner qualities of character which will allow him to exploit these gifts on good days and bad days against good opponents and poor opponents, in good times and bad times.

Courage, determination, persistence, stability, integrity — such qualities enable one to survive well the game of life and if you have soccer gifts such as those possessed by David Seal, allow you to aspire to greatness.

Potential

For John Markovski, soccer currently seems just a little puzzling, or is that just an erroneous impression I have?

He does not show the intensity that characterises many of those of his Macedonian background.

Massive in build, he nevertheless has good control and his long powerful legs can cover much ground, whilst at other times he meanders with the ball at his preferred left foot, seemingly making his mind up what to do as he goes along.

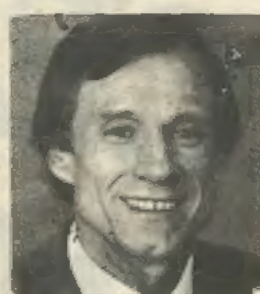
Thus it has taken him some time to fit into the smooth running machinery that is Marconi at its best.

Markovski has thrown more than one or two spanners into the Marconi engine, to have it spluttering and jerking in several games one has seen this season.

Against Olympic, Marconi left-back Jean-Paul de Marigny came steaming up the left wing to overlap Markovski and receive a through ball.

It was an excellently timed run, but as de Marigny got level with Markovski, he ignored the full-back and sent a long cross to the far post which was cut out.

De Marigny gave an



exasperated look at the big fellow, then went pelting back 30 metres to where he had come from.

Nevertheless, the big man is developing an understanding with his team mates and Berti Mariani's faith in him seems to be showing justification.

The power of shot is Markovski's greatest asset.

Kicking power, whilst revered and developed among English pros, does not have the same priority here in Australia.

Yet of all the basic skills it would probably be the most useful.

Penalty areas are crowded these days.

Those who can score from outside the box are now a valuable asset.

Besides, it brings a great thrill to the crowd.

Bobby Charlton's block-busting goals from outside the box will last in the memory longer than those of goalpoacher, Gary Linneker.

One has never seen Andrew Bernal or Scott Ollerenshaw score from outside the box.

Indeed Scott has had two chances on his right foot (his weaker foot) in the last two games and did not have the power to test the goalkeeper.

So, can Bernal, Ollerenshaw, Seal or Markovski find greatness during this decade on the soccer field?

One would hope so, and a lot depends upon how hard they are prepared to work.

It is up to them.

It depends on the standards they set themselves.

Tony Franken in superlative form

BY TED SIMMONS of AAP



ANTHONY Franken considers one headache a week is a small price to pay to regain a place in the Australian Socceroos.

Franken, Sydney Croatia captain and keeper and currently number two custodian to Robbie Zabica in the National squad, has been in superlative form this season.

But the pressure of holding three positions has its drawbacks.

"I always give 100 per cent but find after the games I now have a headache."

"Being a goalkeeper is not so physically tiring but being keeper-captain has a lot of mental pressure," he said.

"Mentally I'm more tuned in to what the players are doing and I always start the game with a strong voice, shouting as far as the front runners to keep them in line."

"But as the game progresses my voice drops to a whisper as it gets weaker."

The 25-year-old Franken spent 18 weeks out of the game last year to get his left knee reconstructed.

He startled club officials when he unexpectedly returned to training.

Knee surgery usual-

ly requires from six to 18 months on the sideline for recovery but Franken was determined to get back into the game and had the approval of his surgeon.

He said he wore a protective brace in training and games to stop the knee suffering further damage and the muscle bulk was now the same as his right leg.

"But I don't think it will ever be the same. It doesn't have any ill effects during training but tends to pull up a bit sore after matches," he said.

"When I first came back, it was on my mind when going down to stop shots but my confidence gradually returned and I don't even think about it now."

Franken said one of the major incentives which sharpened his game this season was being made captain of Sydney Croatia.

The club lost a number of senior members in the off-season, and Franken hopes that leading by example will induce the new and younger members to follow.

His effort appears to be paying dividends as the inexperienced group in the first team are starting to talk to each other on the field and slightly reducing the captain's load.

"I've always tried to remain consistent and I always train hard," he said.

"The defensive record for Sydney Croatia has been good but we haven't been playing well in our last few games which has given me extra pressure."

Franken works hard at being a member of the Socceroo squad and rates young St George keeper John Filan as his main danger.

"I'm happy to be part of the squad and back in the team. I'm just biding my time and if the chance comes to grab the number one spot I'll take it with both hands," he quipped.

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John Crawley, Isaac meet Joeys' party

CONSTANT visitors to the Aussies' hotel have been John Crawley in Santiago and Salvador Isaac in Argentina.

Crawley, the 18 year old former Blacktown youth team goalkeeper, is with Colo Colo.

In the eight months since arriving here he speaks perfect Spanish and is more than delighted with his time at Colo Colo and intends seeing it through — hopefully staying longer.

John trains with the first team, currently leading the Chilean first division by four points from Universidad Catolica,

and says the atmosphere at Chile's most popular club is "very relaxed and happy, although I believe the goalkeeping training in Australia is better than Chile".

Salvador Isaac, like John Crawley, sends his best regards also to his many friends in Australia.

Isaac runs a successful wine business in Buenos Aires and he and wife Carmen live very comfortably in suburban Buenos Aires with sons Mario 20, and Sergio 15, and school teaching daughter Graciella 21, who was born in Australia during Salvador's time with St George in 1962-69.

Narrow win in opening match in Buenos Aires



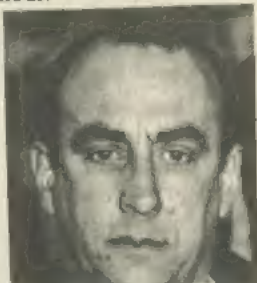
LES SCHEINFLUG

THE Joeys won their first match against Gymnasia in Buenos Aires 1-0 with Lorenzo Campagna scoring the goal in the first half.

POST CHILE MATCH COMMENTS:

Les Scheinflug: "A tremendous experience for the boys. They can play better and we hope to do so in the second match. However it is a prestigious win and to play in front of such a big crowd on such a splendid ground was an experience of a life time for them."

Australia — a real talent (number 10 Vasilios Kalegeragos). While Australia did not have the technical skills of Chile they were very determined, very strong. They played in excellent fashion in the first half hour."



RAUL BLANCO

Raul Blanco: "A fantastic result in the first big time experience for the Joeys. A magnificent effort to be in trouble and come back and win. We have to work on not giving the ball away so easily."

El Mercurio: Leading daily newspaper in Santiago ... AUSSIES SURPRISE was the headline saying that the Chilean team, its officials and supporters were caught out by a fit, determined and surprisingly skilful Australian team. Although they did not have the finer skills of the Chilean team, the Australians overwhelmed Chile with a highly admirable second half recovery, even when reduced to ten men in the final fifteen minutes. Vasilios Kalegeragos, Alex Kiratzoglou, Eduardo Pena, Vasco Trpceviski were given special mention.



EDDIE THOMSON

Eddie Thomson: "The two strikers Kalegeragos and Kiratzoglou were superb. The build up was not good enough however, and the lads gave the ball away too easily once they won it. They showed some inexperience at the back but this should not take anything away from a well deserved victory against such distinguished opponents."

Arturo Saleh (Chilean national coach): "I liked the Number 10 best for

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Joeys' fighting spirit wins in the first international



The Joeys at Sydney Airport before flying to South America.



they saluted them at the final whistle.

Chilean national coach Arturo Saleh praised the Australians, particularly in the first 30 minutes and picked Vasilios Kalegeragos as Australia's best player.

AUSTRALIA: Karamalis, Dee, Bot (sent off 78m) Healey, Jasevski, Carbone, Usalj (Macolino 87m), Campagna (Pena 55m), Kiratzoglou, Kalegeragos, Trpceviski (Jocca 55m).

CHILE: Whiteley, Reyes, Ferragut (capt) Acuna, Vascunan, Vedella (Cortez 61m), Suazo, Mello (Negrete 70m), Contreras, Ramirez, Silva.

CROWD: 45,000. CONDITIONS: Hot, slight breeze, 29 degrees.

SANTIAGO: The Joeys scored a sensational 3-2 win over the Chilean national team at Colo Colo's Monumental Stadium, Santiago last Sunday before a crowd of 45,000 fans.

Down 1-0 at half time, the Joeys fought back with determination and plenty of style to stun their more technically gifted opponents.

A huge audience was there early for the Colo Colo v Universidad Espanola first division match.

Ironically the Joeys had the better of the first half.

They were on top for the first half hour, during which time they had enough opportunities to wrap up the match.

A splendid move involved twin strikers Alex Kiratzoglou and Vasilios Kalegeragos (the best two Joeys on the day) in the third minute saw Dominic Usalj shoot wide from ten metres.

In the fifth minute Vasco Trpceviski brought a fine save from Chilean keeper Alex Whiteley.

Whiteley saved again, this time at the feet of Kiratzoglou in the eighth minute and Kalegeragos' fine shot just went over the bar in the 19th minute.

These opportunities clearly demonstrated Australia's dominance in the opening half hour.

However, the Chilean team, somewhat shocked by the Joeys' composure and skills at this stage, gradually came back into the game and it was really no great surprise when they opened the scoring, albeit from a penalty in the 36th minute to give them a 1-0 lead at half time.

With the crowd building for the later game, the Aussies responded to the challenge in the second half in fine style.

Kalegeragos equalised with a superb opportunist goal in the 62nd minute then Alex Kiratzoglou put the Aussies ahead from the penalty spot in the 70th minute.

Kiratzoglou had been put through in a one on one with the Chilean goalkeeper, rounded him superbly only to be brought down in a rugby style tackle.

After a long delay, with the Chileans moving the ball and the huge crowd whistling, Kiratzoglou showed the perfect big match temperament to put the ball in a top right hand corner and give the Australians the lead.

It was shortlived as the Chileans equalised in the 75th minute through Ramirez.

Now the 45,000 fans had a match on their hands and got behind the local team.

However, they were disappointed.

Only a minute later a long cross from the left by Paul Dee struck the crossbar to rebound to the ever

opportunistic Kalegeragos, who headed home from two metres.

A minute later Frank Bot was unfairly dismissed for a late tackle, leaving the

Joeys to hold out for the final 13 minutes with ten men.

They managed this fairly comfortably and won the applause of the big crowd when

AIS plans 1991 tour to South America

THE Australian Institute of Sport will visit South America next July in what is a first for the AIS.

Assistant AIS coach Steve O'Connor is an observer during the Joeys' visit and has been more than impressed with the football and facilities, particularly in Chile, where officials of Universidad Catolica have bent over backwards to help the Aussies.

Raul Fernandez, a constant visitor to Australia, has worked closely with O'Connor during the Joeys' visit to finalise all details for the AIS visit which will coincide with the South American Nations' Championships to be staged in Chile, also in July.

The Australian touring party has also established a close friendship with new Chilean coach, Arturo Saleh.

Saleh took Colo Colo to the last two Chilean championships before taking over the national team after the Brazil-Maracana fiasco.

Chilean and Brazilian authorities have worked quickly to re-establish cordial relationships following the "nightmare" at Maracana which has in-

cluded two internationals at senior level.

These two matches were Saleh's first in charge of the national team and he told me the "results were excellent for Chile" — two 0-0 draws with both teams playing without their overseas stars.

Saleh says the Chilean Olympic Games team is available to tour Australia.

However, the national team is unable to tour for several years due to the South American championships, the Copa America, in Chile next July.

Coach of the Joeys counterparts from Chile is Leonardo Veliz, who played against the Australian team in the World Cup finals in Berlin in 1974.

Colo Colo have an impressive new stadium in Santiago, the Arellano.

The last time I was in Chile (1987), work was only in progress on the 65,000 capacity stadium.

The all seated ground was three quarters full for the Colo Colo v Universidad Espanola game where the Joeys played the curtain raiser.

Arellano was a former player of Colo Colo who

tragically died during a game some 40 years ago.

The Australians have been overwhelmed with hospitality since arriving in Santiago, particularly from the Chilean Federation, and leading clubs Universidad Catolica and Colo Colo.

The Joeys were special guests for Catolica's league match against Universidad Chile at the National Stadium, scene of the 1962 World Cup final between Brazil and Czechoslovakia.

They joined 65,000 fans to see a splendid match which ended in a 1-1 draw. Raul Blanco and Chilean-descended Joey Eduardo Pena were besieged by the army of radio and press reporters for comments prior to and after the match.

Catolica took the Joeys after the match into the dressing rooms to meet their players.

At the Colo Colo match the Joeys were afforded similar status, including a walk down the air tunnels which are used for players to enter the ground, a la Italy, with no fear of being hit by missiles thrown from over-zealous fans.

One can't speak highly enough of the hospitality from the Chilean hosts.

What price Melbourne for the NSL!

FROM SIMON DEVETAK



Will these jubilant South Melbourne Hellas players have more cause for celebrating at the tail end of the season?

HOW strange it is that after 14 years of NSL history Melbourne can only claim two NSL Championships. (Sth Melbourne 1984, Brunswick Juventus 1985).

So what chance does a Melbourne club of lifting the Championship Trophy.

Five teams are representing Melbourne in the 1990/91 National Soccer League season, but by May 6, 1991 how many will be left standing.

After eight rounds of the current season three Melbourne clubs are in the top seven, but come the end of the season where will we find them?

South Melbourne

1984 Champions and recent NSL leaders South Melbourne look to rate Melbourne's best chance at a championship tilt.

In the last couple of years this team has been rated as the best side from Middle Park since the 1984 squad.

Unfortunately, success has all but eluded them, besides last year's NSL Cup victory.



Souths has the most talented squad man for man in Melbourne, let alone Australia, with Trimboli Tzolakis, Tasios, Tailladores, Wade, Petersen, Blair, Durakovic, Healy, Postecoglou, and Maclaren.

Throw in the starlets Boutsianis and Michalakopoulos and you have a very young and talented side led by

their biggest star Ferenc Puskas whose playing and coaching experience should hold St Melbourne in good stead. For all their class Souths must first overcome their finals hoodoo which has tagged them since 1984.



Preston

Preston, in ninth place in 89/90 is currently third after eight rounds of the new season.

This looks to be the biggest year for them since they were runners-up to Apia Leichhardt in 1987.

Before success can come there way they must shed off their indifferent form which has seen them crash six goals past the then early leaders Melbourne Croatia, but also dropping a home point to the lowly Parramatta Melita Eagles.

Dropping a point away to St George and having a woeful game at Marconi can hardly be called champion form.

With Warren Spink knocking in goals and Kris Tranjanovski a more than useful sidekick up front, Oscar Crino running into form in the middle and George Jolevski and Steve Jackson playing well at the back, this is the best chance yet of Preston winning the championship, if they can overcome their hot and cold form.

Melbourne Croatia

Melbourne Croatia started the season like a house on fire, leading the QNSL after

four rounds with seven out of a possible eight points.

Then the wheels fell off, as they crashed at the hands of local rivals Preston in a blazing 6-1 heap.

Another loss again at the hands of Wollongong Wolves sent Croatia tumbling out of the top five.

Last year's preliminary finalists have an array of talent at their disposal such as Davidson, Milosevic, Kelic, Selemidis, and Awaritefe.

The widely reported alleged problems brought about by having a non English speaking coach can only be a hindrance, though one remembers a similar slump last season



about this time when they lost three in a row and they then bounced back up the table.

This season it looks a long way back for the club, who could be just pipped for a play-off position.

Last month they managed a dour draw with Heidelberg.

Heidelberg

Heidelberg, participating in the top flight for the 13th season, is doing reasonably well under former mentor Len McKendry.

After eight rounds we find them in eighth position.

They seem to have made an easy transition back to the top flight, perhaps due to the nine months of non-stop football.

This factor seems to have helped as they are finely tuned and a good playing unit with experienced campaign-

ers such as Olver, McDowall, Stubbins, Kanesoulis, Goutzoulis, Slifkas and Carter.

The loss of Paul Lewis, top scorer in the state league, could be a mortal blow to their top five aspirations.



The Bergers, at best, look like a candidate for mid-table status, but come finals time could surprise.

Sunshine GC

Sunshine George Cross, 12th placed in the inaugural summer season, after the first three rounds of the 90/91 season were everyone's tip for relegation.

But five points in the next three games lifted Georgie off the bottom of the ladder.

Ernie Merrick's men, despite their lowly position, have been league top scorers, but they also have a poor goals against column.

Sunshine are perennial strugglers, but they are also a conveyor belt of good talent with youngsters such as Lorenz Kindtner, John Markovski, George Alevissos and Chris Ketsakidis.



With Ossie Latif still sidelined and the defence still to improve, the future looks a bit brighter for the West Melbourne side.

Despite having the youth team again excelling, Georgie will again struggle to stave off the drop.

Victorian hopes riding high this season

BY TONY ABATE



FERENC PUSKAS

AS the second summer season dawned less than two months ago, the outlook for Victorian soccer was not exactly promising.

The wrangling and turmoil within Victorian Soccer Federation ranks over fixtures and executive positions produced a State League season full of unnecessary intrigue and controversy.

Add to that a belief that Victorian State League has fallen in the doldrums and you had a formula for despair concerning soccer followers in this state.

However, as a common saying has it, 'one week is a long time in soccer'.

On this occasion, seven weeks more so.

Our National Soccer League clubs, South Melbourne Hellas, Preston Makedonia, Melbourne Croatia, Sunshine George Cross, and newly promoted Heidelberg Alexander, have ejected the gloom present in Victorian soccer during the pre-season with some sterling performances on the field.

The main attribute of this soccer revival has been the injection of youth in conjunction with the improved performances of some of the game's more established players.

Melbourne-based clubs this season have thrown down the gauntlet to their interstate counterparts, signalling that they are no longer prepared to settle for second best.

This is evident by the fact that three out of the top six positions are occupied by Melbourne-based clubs.

South Melbourne Hellas have been the state's greatest representatives with top position on the ladder after seven rounds, and unbeaten until this stage.

Some Hellas supporters are calling for championship celebrations already as coach Ferenc Puskas at last seems to have found the right combination of youth and experience.

Hellas has been well represented all over the park so far this season with established stars like Angelo Postecoglou, Mike Petersen, Paul Trimboli and Peter Tzolakis.

However, the real joy for South Melbourne lies in their solid squad of youngsters.

Kimon Taliadores has already become a permanent fixture in the team as well as representing Australia

at international level, whilst Con Boutsianis has shown on current form that he will be an integral part of the side in years to come.

This says nothing of young players on the fringe of selection like Mike Mikhailopolous who showed promising form last year after transferring from Port Melbourne.

Melbourne Croatia have also promoted Victorian Soccer for the better so far this season.

New coach Ante Grgic has added a new dimension to Croatia's game with his European background and this has been emphasised with line-ups which have seen such established players as Frances Awaritefe and Branco Milosevic on the bench.

Ivan Kelic seems to have come of age as a player, whilst the regular introduction of players like Mark Talajich can only do Croatia good from a team depth point of view.

Croatia has already held top spot this season and in light of their present form there should be no reason why they won't be amongst the front runners come the end of the home and away season.

Preston Makedonia have also enjoyed success in the early stages of the season.

Preston have been the enigma of NSL soccer during the past few years, having the squad to make a bid for honours but not having the results to match.

Many Preston supporters will justify this scenario as a result of untimely injuries and misfortune.

Early season form indicates that perhaps Makedonia may have turned the corner.

Kris Trajanovski has been a revelation in attack while his strike partner, Warren Spink, seems to be playing and scoring with the same 'youthful' zest and enthusiasm.

These performances have been solid support

ported by George Jolevski and Andrew Zinni, who as a result have both come into contention for Socceroo representation under new coach Eddie Thomson.

Melbourne's other two NSL clubs, Sunshine George Cross and Heidelberg Alexander, have also performed admirably well so far even though their respective positions may not indicate this.

Heidelberg have had a long season after performing in the State League and competing for an NSL place against Adelaide Hellas and Brisbane Lions.

The Bergers should none-the-less survive, quite comfortably since coach Len McKendry has used experienced players like Stuart Cannell, Geoff Olver, Stuart Stephenson and youngsters Goutziolis and Kanesoulis to their full potential.

Sunshine George Cross have also played some good soccer this season.

However, they have been terribly misfortunate and this was highlighted during their 4-3 defeat against South Melbourne Hellas when they went down to a last-minute goal.

There is no doubt Cross can score, as their 4-2 win over Melita will testify.

They have a good side and providing they persevere with promising youngsters like Frank Talia and Lorenz Kindtner, their season can only improve.

The question of whether the glory days are back for Victorian soccer can only be fully answered at the end of the season.

However, it is abundantly clear that on the games we have had so far, that Victorian clubs are each making a more concerted bid to win the most coveted prize in domestic soccer circles for the first time in five years: the NSL championship.

South Melbourne's gremlin

BY GREG BLAKE



A happy South Melbourne squad with their 1990 Charity Shield trophy — JOE MONTEMURRO photo.

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas rarely loses two league games on the trot.

History has shown that the Melbourne giant almost invariably bounces back in the face of adversity — at least until finals time comes around.

That is why outstanding Hellas and Socceroo midfielder Paul Wade wasn't too concerned at his side's loss in round eight at Apia.

In fact, Wade believes that, were it not for the fact that his side was comprehensively beaten on the day, the loss might have done Hellas good.

"We weren't just beaten, we were hammered," Wade says with some surprise.

And South supporters have every right to be surprised at the turnaround in fortunes as struggling Apia matched a Hellas side unbeaten in eight games — or nine, if you count a first round cup tie — in every department.

"In a way we were glad that it (defeat) happened," said Wade.

"It might wake a few people up."

Wade conceded that Hellas, thus far the comeback kids of 1990/91 after dramatic come-from-behind wins against Melita and Sunshine in previous weeks, might have suffered from the 'she'll be right' syndrome after going two down at Apia.

"We certainly have to ask ourselves about our mental preparation because in recent weeks we've given so many goals away early in games," he explained.

"But against Apia we just didn't fire up."

"They put real pressure on us and when they got on top they never let go of the game."

Wade, the midfielder with the Phar-Lap sized heart, has no doubt that the defeat will do South Melbourne good at this stage of the season.

According to him,

character is what the game is all about and battling back against adversity is crucial to a side's development.

Angry at accusations that South Melbourne was lucky to get up 4-3 against Sunshine George Cross, Wade says he believed his side showed some character that day to get up off the canvas.

"That's why I admire teams like Marconi," he explained.

"They might be down but they never give up and they might get pumped one week but they will always bounce back and win the next."



PAUL WADE

But Marconi, the team Wade rates as the benchmark of the competition and the side to beat for the title once again, is not out on its own when it comes to what is known as the 'bounce-back factor'.

A check of the records shows that Marconi has not lost three successive league games since back in 1983.

South Melbourne hasn't lost three league matches on the trot since 1982 when it dropped full points in

four successive games against Heidelberg, St George, Adelaide City and Marconi.

In the seven seasons since, Hellas has lost two league games in succession on only six occasions — a remarkable record.

But when it comes to finals the Hellas history books detail a different story and already the club is starting to wear the tag applied to Aussie rules outfit Collingwood.

Known as the "colliwobblers" it was the terminology used to describe that club's horror run in the finals from 1958 to 1990, when Melbourne's Magpies broke the drought.

And whilst Hellas has managed to keep it together during the home and away seasons since 1982, it has been Marconi which have gone on with the business during the play-offs.

Marconi has won eight of its fourteen finals games since 1984, the year of South Melbourne's last and only title, whilst in the same period Hellas has managed six finals appearances for six successive defeats and went out in straight sets in 1985, 1988 and 1989/90 despite winning the double chance on each of those occasions.

"It is a bit like the Colliwobblers, isn't it?" concedes Wade.

"But Collingwood buried that this year and there's no reason why we cannot do the same."

"OK, so the club hasn't had a finals win since 1984, but this team has been together for a while and certainly the desire is there."

"It's getting to the stage that we're so desperate we'll do anything to get there and win it."

"Hopefully, we'll remember the lessons learned in the finals last year and we'll learn from them."

"The club is hungry and the supporters are hungry and I hope we can do the right thing and turn it around this season."

Keysborough Level 2 course a success

BY JEFF OLVER

A Level 2 coaching course has just been completed at Keysborough.

44 candidates took part in the course and they included a number of well known State League players.

Sessions were conducted by Tim White, Director of Coaching, and John Gardiner, senior coach of Preston Macedonian SC, with support from staff coaches Harry Chalkitas, Steve Short and Tony Dunkerley.

The course was an eye opener for most of the candidates, who realised that the teaching of the game required a bit more than an ability to play.

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JOHN GARDINER



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During the course Victoria's development squad attended to allow the coaches an opportunity to coach good young players.

The youngsters also were coached by the staff coaches on the course.

Caruso replaces Stafrace in Premier League chair

BY GREG BLAKE

LONG-serving Lou Stafrace is out and former Brunswick Juventus president and team manager Joe Caruso is the new Victorian Premier League chairman.

In a stormy meeting last Monday week, Caruso finally got the nod as chairman by eight votes to five over Joe Brondolino.



But it was the exit of third candidate Stafrace which caused the uproar.

Stafrace, a VSF administrator for 32

years, withdrew his nomination before the vote claiming that "the whole thing was fixed before the meeting."

"I knew I didn't have the numbers so there was no point in putting up appearances," he told the press.

Stafrace has been the State League chairman for the last two years.

At the same meeting Brunswick Juventus president Joe Mirabella, Thomastown secretary Tony Raponi and St Albans spokesman Tony Ciccoja were elected as Premier League delegates on the new Victorian Soccer Federation board of management.

The final 14-person board is: Vito Cilauri, John Branov, George Vasilopoulos, Joe Caruso, Joe Mirabella, Tony Raponi, Tony Ciccoja, George Zaphiropoulos, Maria Berry, Liliana DeMarchi, Joe Dockerty, John Hill, Ted Sowards and Bart Harrold.

South Melbourne's dismal finals record since 1984

YEAR	POSITION	FINALS
1985	1st (Sth Div.)	MAJOR S/F — lost 0-1 v B.Juventus PRELIM.F — lost on pens after 4-4 draw v Preston
1986	7th (Sth Div.)	
1987	6th	
1988	3rd	QUALIFY. F — lost 1-2 v Syd. Croatia (AET) MINOR S/F — lost 1-2 v Marconi (AET)
1989	8th	
1989/90	2nd	QUALIFY F — lost on pens after 1-1 draw v Melb. Croatia MINOR S/F — lost 0-1 v Sydney Olympic
1990/91	???	

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PERSONALITY PLAYER



Peter Katholos (Marconi)

BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Athens, 18/3/61.
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 180cms, 81kg
MARRIED: Yes to Margaret and have a one year old son, Alexander.
HOME: Earlwood.
NICKNAME: "Kat"
CAR: Porsche 911.
OCCUPATION: Sports store owner.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Canterbury, St George, Sydney Olympic, Larissa in Greece, Apia.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Liverpool.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Stoikovic and Dettari.
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Marconi's Zlatko Nastevski.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Alan Davidson.
FAVOURITE GROUND: Marconi Stadium.
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Australia vs England at the S.C.G. 1983 and the 1988 and '89 NSL Grand Finals with Marconi which we won both.
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the 'Player Of The Year' in 1982.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not having played more games for the Soccerroos.
WORST INJURY: Medial ligament operation.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Attacking midfielder.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and table-tennis.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian pastas.
FAVOURITE MUSIC: All types.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Current Affairs and World Soccer.
BEST FRIEND: My wife Margaret.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Raul Blanco, Uncle Joe Vlastis.
AMBITIONS: To be healthy and happy.
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Chicho in Marconi's Youth side and Steve Corica.
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Pele.
PREDICTION FOR TOP FIVE SERIES: Marconi, Sydney Olympic, South Melbourne Hellas, Melita and Melbourne Croatia.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

SBS serves soccer well

BY ROBERT WHEATLEY

THE recent celebration of ten years on air for SBS is a timely reminder of the ex-

tent to which soccer has remained a vital feature of its output to the Australian

community.

Its highly acclaimed World Soccer program is the most consistently watched and second longest surviving program after the equally well recognized news.

SBS presenter Les Murray is proud of this achievement, and points to several valid reasons for this enduring success.

"When 'World Soccer' magazine (a British publication with international stories) investigated how soccer was in a world wide survey, they found that many countries promoted their domestic leagues exclusively for a local market.

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Melbourne Croatia seeks new coach

BY GREG BLAKE

AS predicted in ASW last week, Ante Grgic has lost his coaching position at Melbourne Croatia.

Grgic became the first coaching casualty of the season after a club committee meeting on Wednesday night.

He will be retained by the club as youth team and junior coach, with the now vacant senior position ex-

pected to be filled by late Monday.

It is believed that the top candidates for the job are Thomas-town coach Ken Murphy, Victorian coaching legend John Margarites and former Scottish international, Ian Wallace.

First team veteran George Hannah took charge of training last week, and led the side in its big game against Marconi at Somers St yesterday.

Spirited Joeys win series in Chile

BY JOHNNY WAGNER



Brains trust with Australia's under 17 Joeys — currently enjoying their warm up tour of Chile and Argentina. Left to right: Dr Ron Muratore, Les Scheinflug (coach), Raul Blanco (assistant coach), Pedro Ruiz (physiotherapist), Steve O'Connor (Australian Institute of Sport), Eddie Thomson (national coach). — Photo: MARIO ETCHART.

VINA DEL MAR: Four outstanding saves from Joeys' goalkeeper George Karamalis, the Adelaide Youth team custodian, helped his team to a 2-0 win over the Chilean national under 17 team in Vina del Mar on Wednesday afternoon (Chilean time).

Karamalis was the star for the Australian team, particularly in the first half, when the Australians were totally outplayed by a very skilful Chilean side, who were shocked by their first defeat last Sunday in Santiago, where they went down 3-2.

The goals for Australia came in the 23rd minute from Darren Iocca from NSW, and Australia went to a 2-0 lead in the second half when Vasco Trpceviski scored with a splendid freekick in the 52nd minute.

Unlike last Sunday where the boys played in front of a crowd of 45,000, the crowd in Vina was only 1,500.

Coach Les Scheinflug was delighted with the two match win, although the Australians still showed a lot of deficiencies in skill compared with the very capable Chilean side.

The Australian team for the game was George Karamalis, Frank Bot, Paul Dee, Aaron Healey, Tony Josevski, Darren Iocca, Anthony Carbone, Fabio Macolino, Dominic Usaly, Alex Kiratzoglou and Vasilios Kalegerakos.

The substitutes were: 45th Trpceviski for Usaly, 57th Campana for Iocca.

The Australians play

against youth teams on Monday (Australian time), versus Colo Colo, then the following Wednesday against University Catolica.

There then may be another game in Argentina before returning home.

They have now won three games, 1-0 in Buenos Aires against Gymnasia, 3-2 against

Chile last Sunday in Santiago and 2-0 in Vina del Mar.

In my mind the two outstanding players for Australia are the twin strikers Alex Kiratzoglou, who is only 16 and plays for the South Melbourne Colts side, and Vasilios Kalegerakos, 15, who played with Perth Italia before joining the AIS in

Canberra earlier this year.

Young Kiratzoglou reminds me very much of Adrian Alston, who displayed very skilful attributes and was, as is Kiratzoglou, a very tall player.

Vasilios is lightning fast.

The squad will return home in ten days from which point their

time will be dedicated to prepare for the Youth World Cup Oceania qualification games in New Zealand from January 13, 1991.

They will play New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Tahiti.

Should they win that group, they will play in the World Cup finals in Ecuador next June.

No Coffee??? No Football!!!

GEORGE VAN ZANDEN SEES THE HUMOUR IN RETROSPECT

THE referee, G.W. Ellens from Groningen in Holland, refused to continue his match after he did not get his coffee at halftime.

It happened in the Dutch Division 4 game, Eems Boys — Farmsum. During halftime players and officials were eating and drinking just in front of the referee's room, totally forgetting the man with the whistle.

When it was time to restart the game... the referee calmly put on his tracksuit and said: *no coffee, no football!*

He hopped on his bike and was gone. I guess some men in black must often have been tempted to do the same.

I admire this man greatly and I could have loved to do the same, one bad day in Canberra.

I think it was the year 1970 when I had this really bad day.

It was the time Griffith, playing in the ACT competition, were already the champions, but had to play one more game in Canberra, against I believe, Canberra Olympic.

I was asked to drive 160km to Canberra to officiate.

During the week I had

accepted three junior games for Cooma to be played in the morning.

I could just make it with little time to spare.

The first game started at nine and I could be on my way around 12.

It didn't work out that way.

We were late getting the first game underway on a perishing cold snowy day and we finished one hour later than I'd thought.

I had to hurry. On the way to Canberra I discovered someone had taken my wallet.

I hoped I had enough petrol in the tank to make Canberra and drive the 160km back home.

The Griffith-Olympic game was of no importance really, and there was no one from Canberra to welcome me.

The Griffith captain coach, the well known Fil Bottalico, showed me the way to the dressing room and said: "Sorry there is no coffee or tea."

I was hungry, thirsty and wet.

Just like the Dutch referee I should have said: "No coffee, no football!"

We started the game and Griffith soon had the game under control.

The score was 4-0 at halftime, which was no surprise as Griffith was then one of the best clubs in country NSW.

The second half was again dominated by Griffith and, believe it or not, a goal was scored by a Griffith player with the nose.

It happened when a Griffith player dribbled past everyone, including the goalkeeper.

He crawled on all fours over the last metres and "nosed" the ball over the line.

It was the first time ever, I think a player in the first division scored with his nose!

After the game everyone was having a drink and something to eat, but the referee was completely forgotten.

When I got outside the little referee's room, nearly everyone had left the ground except the Griffith players.

I must have looked a lonely figure standing there on my own, looking miserable.

Bottalico, bless him, a fine player and a gentleman, spotted me and said: "Thanks for the game ref, would you like some oranges?"

Would I ever! I had not eaten all day, had no money and was worried getting home.

I am sure if I only had asked for some money Bottalico would have been glad to help but I just did not feel like asking.

Anyhow I made it



FIL BOTTALICO

home, only just.

I was lucky, I ran out of petrol but could coast home downhill over the couple of miles.

My wife had been waiting for me to come home and was a little worried when I was long overdue.

"Did you enjoy yourself today?" she wanted to know.

I had a golden rule that time.

Never, ever, say anything bad about soccer.

So I said: "It was tremendous! I had a good workout, a goal was scored with the nose, I ate a dozen oranges and I didn't spend a cent all day."

Well, I didn't tell the whole truth but it was close enough.

Now, many years after, whenever I think of it, I still can have a good laugh at the absurdity of it all.

Socceroos, NSL to be shown on ABC

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ABC Television won the right to telecast Soccerroo and National League matches by the narrowest of margins last week

All indications are that the preference of soccer sponsors Victorian Health Fund for the ABC tipped the scales in their favour.

Right at the end ABC chairman David Hill and executive Paddy Conroy came with a package that led to their selection by the Australian Soccer Federation's commissioners.

The contract for a four-year deal is now being drawn up and will be signed early next month.

Despite ABC's success, SBS believes that it would have given more exposure to the QUIT logo.

SBS holds the contract expiring on December 31, for the Soccerroo rights.

ASF chairman John Constantine said: "It was an extremely hard decision, especially as SBS has a good team of people who have done so much for the progress of the game."

ABC Television has undertaken to upgrade its flagship program-

me The Big Match by giving extended cover to two matches instead of one.

This is in addition to the footage from other matches every round.

A preview programme has also been promised.

It is up to ABC-TV to ensure that it is a professional job and as entertaining as the one presented every Friday when SBS had NSL rights.

Then it will be over to the soccer public to justify the programme by watching it.

Certainly the NSL should promote the previews through the amateur and junior ranks.

NSW Amateur Federation general manager Cec Bucello attests that interest can be fanned.

"I attended Marconi's last home game against Sydney Olympic, and was very pleasantly surprised with the large number of juniors and school children in the crowd," he said.

Certainly, the pre-



John Constantine

views on ABC can be the key to bringing in the public as never before.

Anyone in Newcastle in the days when Newcastle KB received consistent pre-match exposure on NBN 3 Television would realise the value of the exercise.

ABC Television gained because it can give Australia-wide cover to both the Soccerroos and the NSL.

The ABC made a commitment to include

highlights and results on both radio and television news.

Many of the ABC sports staff do not have the expertise of SBS in soccer, so the new ASF NSL media man will have to educate them.

Regional radio and TV will be a force for the game, and use is to be made of the retail chain of ABC Shops.

There is no doubt that the soccer public is keen to see these points in evidence and is grateful to SBS TV for what it also offers the game.

Leading SBS executive Brian Johns took the decision to give the Soccerroo rights to the ABC philosophically.

"You win some, you lose some..." he said.

"Although disappointed that our excellent bid did not win out, we want to assure the soccer public at large that our commitment to the game will not waver."

*SBS to expand international coverage — pages 12 and 19.

Tasmanian in the firing line

BY KEITH GILMOUR



THE Australian Soccer Federation is certainly on the warpath over the Tasmanian Soccer Federation's decision to go it alone with Rothman's and its Winfield brand.

The soccer hierarchy were caught off guard when the TSF stitched up a deal with the tobacco company.

Whilst TSF general manager Gordon Jablonski would not be tied down to figures, \$100,000 was being bandied around by totting up the salaries of Mr Jablonski and a director of coaching as well as a slap-up dinner etc.

The ASF's beef related, of course, to a slap in the face from one of the lesser-sized of its affiliates.

When a national sporting body collects \$5,000,000 over five years from the anti-smoking Victorian Health Foundation and its affiliates, it expects its affiliates to go along same track.

The Victorian Health deal is about half way through its term.

It seems that some states do not receive a

cash component in the Out sponsorship and there is no assistance for coaching.

They also have to run their own annual presentation dinners, which isn't that big a load.

Over Thursday and Friday, ASF general secretary Alan Vessey pointed out that the TSF people were somewhere out on a golf course when he tried to contact them.

Mr Jablonski had his point of view as well.

"I would have thought that the ASF should have advised us of the notice of suspension for February's annual meeting before they spoke to the press," he stated.

He went on to say: "We understand that Queensland, ACT and NSW aren't happy with their returns from the Victorian Health deal."

Well, the commis-

sioners are arranging for a motion to be framed to go before the annual meeting in February.

Upon being passed Tasmania will be suspended so long as it retains its Rothman's deal.

That puts Tasmania out of the junior national championships.

Mr Jablonski asks that Tasmania be extended "natural justice" to state its case.

Dealing with the issue of States other than Tasmania, Mr Constantine said: "States of course seek a cash component but they didn't receive much when Rothman's were the sponsor."

"The deal with Vic Health did not include junior coaching, and we have been endeavouring to rectify this."

"We are doing our best to help the states, but I can only regard the Tasmanian Federation's action as pathetic."

"They well know that \$5 million is involved in an excellent overall sponsorship for the code."

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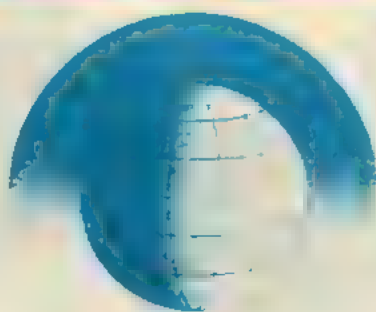
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Support for the players at Marconi's home games is not restricted to the terraces — strong that the support may be. The dressing rooms are loaded with the physiotherapists and other support staff, who give professional attention to the players before, at halftime, and after their games.

Wollongong City coach and former Soccer David Ratcliffe and his Youth League assistant Glenn Fontana both rate at least three of the youth

squad as big prospects. Shane Williams, who hails from the Dapto club that produced such stars as David Skeen and Paul Kay, looks the goods as a midfielder striker



DAVID RATCLIFFE

Stopper John Harrison, fresh from a knee reconstruction, is another with potential, midfielder Matt Hornsley, a Balgownie product, could be

another midfielder of real quality

ASW's David Bullock returned from a six-week working holiday in the UK and admitted he missed the local scene.

Bullock, a keen Millwall supporter, caught up with his favourite club on a number of occasions and says he has some interesting material for future stories in ASW.

Whilst on his overseas junket, Bullock happened across a GM Vauxhall Conference match between Barnet and Gateshead and who should be on the park for the visitors but none other than former Apia favourite, Bruce Halliday. In the

Peter Katholos is receiving wraps as a possible Soccerroo candidate once again, after being outside the squad since 1984.



His recent no-nonsense appearances for Marconi must bring his name in front of national coach, Eddie Thomson, for consideration.

Jason Oldridge, the Wollongong City striker, found himself on the receiving end in the match against Adelaide City, in which he lasted only 25 minutes. He

took an accidental whack across the face from an opponent. And ended up with a split tongue which took four stitches to close.

Reunion time for Soccerroo physiotherapist Pedro Ruz when the Australian Joeys team arrived in Santiago. Pedro's father Carlos was among many family and friends to come to the Australian headquarters and also the matches. Carlos was the physio at Colo Colo for 20 years and also spent 10 years as physio for the national team. Like father, like son.

Jim Patikas made a successful return to AEK's first team after being sidelined for four



Janusz Kamma's shot of Pelé demonstrating the Pelé Album at John Martin's Bookshop in Adelaide. The two volume publication is bound to sell well in the lead up to Christmas.



A double dose of enthusiasm! Whilst South Melbourne players are celebrating a goal with great gusto, some of their adoring fans are so overjoyed that their pressure results in the Middle Park ground perimeter fence coming down, and they spill on to the grass verge.

weeks after a groin operation. Patikas scored AEK's only goal in their 2-1 loss to Panathinaikos in the big Greek derby. Chris Kalantzis did not play for Panathinaikos.

Sunshine George Cross have secured Fausto De Amicis on loan from Juventus for \$5000 for the rest of the season. He will return to the club next year to play in the newly formed Victorian Premier League.

Robbie Slater continues to shine for his Second Division French club Lens. He has now been named in the Second Division team of the week five times and is only one point from the lead in the tally for the Second Division Player of the Year award.

Apia juniors Darryl Elkin and Derek Pomer failed to clinch

apprenticeships with Chelsea and have been let go by the English club. They are back in Australia trying to break into the NSL. Both were featured on SBS-TV's Sports Machine programme last Tuesday week.

Blaz Sliskovic's arrival in Australia has been delayed by two weeks. Sydney Croatia now expect their star guest player to make his debut on December 16, at the Croatian Sports Centre, against Wollongong City.

Former Sydney Croatia coach Vedran Rozic could become Hajduk Split's president next year. Rozic was appointed vice-president a month ago. Hajduk are having one of their worst seasons ever and are very much in the relegation zone at this stage of the Yugoslav First Division.

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match-day magazine (36 glossy pages with spot colour — take note NSL clubs) the now Gateshead defender was described thus: 'Defender. First came to prominence with Newcastle and later played for Bristol City, Bury and Hereford. Signed for Gateshead after a spell in Australian football.'

Former Preston star Mike Branov, a star for Bulleen in the Victorian State League this year, is now stuck in the middle of a tug of war between Bulleen and Heidelberg. The Bergers want the much-improved Branov but only at his contract maximum of \$5,500. Bulleen have since taken up their option on his services and lifted the asking price to \$20,000.



Here is the Australian futsal under 20 squad, captained by Robert Harmat, snapped at Sydney Airport prior to leaving for the Americas. Coach Nick Nicolopoulos is at left.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

WITH ALAN CLARK



Cichanowski and Di Carlo re-elected

CHAIRMAN Alex Cichanowski and Orazio Di Carlo were re-elected to the SA Soccer Federation board at last week's elections.

They beat four other nominations for the two positions up for grabs.

Mike Lukovich was elected chairman of the First Division Management Committee. He has resigned as chairman of Para Hills to take the position.

HELLAS should name its senior coach this week.

The club has advertised the position.

But it looks as if the club has no room for its former player, ex-kiwi international Billy Wright.

The big Geordie has returned to SA after a good goal-scoring stint last season with Morwell Falcons in the Victorian State League.

He played 22 games there and picked up only two yellow cards.

training starts at 6.30pm on Monday at Grange. Former and new players are welcome.

The club also has been thinking of fans.

The sheltered enclosure area at Grange now has been fully paved to increase comfort.

John Dnistrjanski was elected chairman at the recent annual meeting. His nephew Steven is president.

MODBURY has almost completed interviewing

Jack Innes, of Salisbury, will be First Division delegate to the board while Campbelltown's Arthur Di Fede will represent the Second Division.

SASF and **ASAF** vice-chairman Basil Scarsella said Tasmania's decision to accept sponsorship from Rothmans would not affect the SA Federation's backing from Foundation SA.

for next season

McGachey has fixed up all but two players for next season.

And he will decide what action to pursue when they make up their minds.

"I'll be able to assess then just what our position is and if we need to go into the market to find replacements for the players in question," said McGachey.

"We also want to open the door to the wealth of young talent

tion Player of the Year Paul Wilde and mercurial striker Tony Gasparetto.

Both are on the shopping list of rival clubs.

But coach Bob Wincer should boost his squad of youngsters with Sean Greaves returning from England and the likely return from UK trials of midfielder Graham Latham.

BLACKTOWN is scheduled to meet with Mitcham Council on



Adelaide City's Socceroo goalkeeper Robert Zabica makes a brilliant one-handed save. Photo: JANUSZ KAMMA.

Wells aims for re-evaluation

NEW national director of coaching, Mike Wells, wants to shift the emphasis on coaching in Australia from quantity to quality.

Wells is settling in well in his new job in Sydney and already he has set the wheels in motion for a revamp of the national coaching program.

"We are looking at reviewing the whole system," said Wells.

"We are planning change, refinement and update.

"I'll be meeting State directors of coaching and League coaches to bounce ideas off them. But the ones I've spoken with so far have been in agreement.

"We want to switch the emphasis from quantity to quality.

"In the 1970s, we were keen to get num-



bers into coaching and that feeling, to some extent, has persisted.

"But now we would like to put the emphasis on quality."

Wells is keen to entice top players into coaching.

"Of course, we want to get more involved, especially at the top end," he said. "Now, with new Government initiatives, we have the means not available

before to attract players to courses.

"A lot of players are unemployed during the day and sit around wondering what to do.

"If they could get involved in coaching it would be good for them and good for the game."

"Many coaches, now on the register, have been inactive for several years."



ADELAIDE CITY: Back row: M. Brooks, M. Ivanovic, S. Maxwell, C. Villani, R. Zabica, A. Santrac, A. Vidmar, C. White. Front: J. Mullen, S. Melita, A. Tobin, N. Flounders, R. Aloisi. Absent: C. Veart, T. Vidmar. Pic: JANUSZ KAMMA.

But the big man, apparently, has been told by Hellas team management he is unwanted because he has no discipline.

Wright, a proven goalscorer, now could be on the wanted list of SA clubs.

USC Lion Grange is to embark on a youth policy to take the club to the fore.

No fewer than eight of last year's impressive youth squad have been signed on two year contracts by the club.

"We want to give youth its chance and hopefully Kava (coach Mike Kavalcenti) will be able to utilise the young talent at the club," said chairman John Dnistrjanski. "We are solidly behind a youth development program and good young players will get their chance as we aim to flush out some of the older players."

Lion's pre-season

players over contracts for the new season.

The club, coached by former Socceroo John Nyskohus this year, started pre-season training on Monday at Golden Grove.

A couple of new faces could be involved this season if negotiations are complete.

Adelaide City defender Neville Founders has talked with the club but rival Foundation League sides also are chasing the big centre-back.

Modbury should have one of the best training and playing set-ups in SA next season. The club has spent \$12,000 on a new in-ground sprinkler system. That follows the installation of an impressive new top of the range floodlighting set-up.

BIRKALLA Eagles' coach Neil McGachey this week will assess if he needs to enter the market to boost his side

in the club."

McGachey, though, is keen to develop the left-hand side of his team. "We always have lacked left side players and that is something we'd like to look at remedying," he said.

Birkalla will not be rushing into pre-season work.

The club will play a series of trial games in the next two months when McGachey can assess potential and weed out players who are not fitting into the scheme of plans.

Intensive pre-season work should start in February.

Birkalla also is working on proposals to restructure the management and administrative structure of the club as approved at a special meeting earlier this month.

SALISBURY may have to face up to the new season without Founda-

December 10 over its finances.

In a blow to the Hills side which gained entry to the First Division for next season, Alan Charman, after 11 years has stood down as president.

"He is likely to continue with the club in some capacity with the senior part of the club," said Des Shepherdson, who is chairman of an executive committee appointed to oversee the running of the seniors, colts and amateurs at the club.

"We had a total restructure of the club with the executive committee having an overview of the club's minor committees," said Shepherdson. "I don't want to take over Alan Charman's role but I am happy to work in some capacity for the club. We wanted to get a lot of people involved in the club doing a little work. They would enjoy

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Agenor Muniz ready to move on

BY PAUL GOODWIN

BRAZILIAN born, former Australian international, Agenor Muniz, is ready for a new challenge after quitting his coaching position with the high profile Portuguese backed Dulwich Hill Madeira in NSW 2nd Division.

Muniz has gone out at the top, having steered the club to yet another top four Championship in a season which saw the club runners-up behind promoted Southern Districts.

The club and Muniz parted on the best of terms and why wouldn't they?

Since joining Madeira as player-coach in 1984 the fledgling club advanced rapidly through the Inter Urban Divisions, collecting trophy after trophy in the process.

His skill on the field allied to an astute coaching policy brought the enthusiastic supporters every success possible.

The results were not confined to 1st Grade either: from 1984 the 2nd Grade side won the premiership on five successive occasions.

In the senior ranks Muniz had an immediate effect, bringing the team to the brink of promotion at the first attempt.

The disappointment of runners up spot in 4th Division Inter-Suburban in 1984 was soon forgotten when the club earned a better fate in 1985.

For the next four years the club completed the double and gained promotion at the end of each season and by 1989 found themselves in 2nd Division.

There was no top four series that year and the team had to settle for 3rd place in a very competitive division.

Last year the team won the Grand Final and Muniz, by now into his forties, continued to play whenever the team needed a lift.

Agenor Muniz leaves behind a tremendous legacy for his successor, who has yet to be named.

While at Hakoah, Scottish international goalkeeper and long time friend Frank Haffey, introduced Agenor to Dulwich Hill, where he remained until 1984. For this reason as much as any other the associations with Hakoah and Sydney City were the happiest of all.

Now happily settled down with two young children Muniz is as keen as ever to stay in



AGENOR MUNIZ

soccer and contribute further to the game he loves.

His playing and coaching skills speak for themselves.

What is less well known is that a supervisor for a major small-goods manufacturer, controlling a staff of over forty, he has people skills which make him ideally suited to the management of a club's playing resources.

Currently considering a number of coaching options, Muniz is anxious to make the right choice for the new season, one which will provide a long term attachment to a go-ahead club, preferably in the inner suburbs.

The record of stability with Dulwich Hill and the player's outstanding achievements over twenty years in Australia should make

Agenor Muniz a sound capture for any major club.

He made sure that all the players were retained at the end of last term, before departing as he wants the club to continue his good work.

In addition, in any new coaching challenge he wants to build from scratch, rather than taking his old players with him.

Muniz fondly recalls his early playing days in Brazil where as a former Vasco da Gama star he played for six years alongside World Cup heroes Brito and Fontana, illustrious members of Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning team.

Twenty years later he is now keen to take over the reins of a fresh State League club at the earliest opportunity.

During his playing days Muniz won the Golden Boots Award in South Australia and the Rothmans Medal in New South Wales.

In addition he represented NSW between 1973 and 1976, played for South Australia in the years 1978-1980 and was a full international for Australia from 1975-1980.

His club career in Australia began at Hakoah in 1971 and spells with Pan Hellenic and Adelaide City were to follow, with the wily midfielder returning twice to the Eastern Suburbs club before joining State League Avala in 1983.



Marko Perinovic celebrating a goal in his Canberra days.

Marko aims to return

BY GRAHAM COOKE

BURLY striker Marko Perinovic is back in training with Quilt National Soccer League champion club Sydney Olympic.

Still Canberra-based, Perinovic has decided against a major operation on knee ligaments damaged during a pre-season game with Melita Eagles.

Instead he is working on weights and other strengthening exercises with the aim of rejoining Olympic's first-team squad.

The summer season has been one of total frustration for Perinovic, who came on as a substitute during his team's grand final win last May.

"After the knock against Melita I had an exploratory operation

which showed a ruptured cruciate ligament," he said.

"It seemed certain that I would have to have a full knee reconstruction — and I may still have to if my come-back doesn't work."

With a good part of this season already gone, Perinovic said he would be interested in returning to play for Canberra in the NSW winter season.

"It depends on the club and whether they would be interested in doing a deal with Olympic, but I'd be happy to come back," he said.

Subbuteo

Championships open at Leichhardt PCYC

ONE of the more unusual national championships to be contested in December will decide who is the best table soccer player in the country.

The competition, will be staged at the Leichhardt Police Citizens Youth Club, 67 Norton Street, on Saturday/Sunday December 8/9.

Leichhardt's 'Hiplingers Subbuteo Table Soccer Club' has a great chance of providing that player, as the current Australian champion is among its growing ranks.

Gary Hosie is still unbeaten by an Australian in the last five years and is getting stronger all the time.

He was Australia's representative at the Sixth Subbuteo World Cup in Rome, where he finished 9th from a field of 26 and outperformed such highly ranked Subbuteo nations as England, West Germany and Spain.

His greatest challenge at this year's

nationals will come from players at his former club, the North Sydney 'Falconians'.

Four of that club's players follow Hosie in the national rankings and are determined to keep the Falconians' pre-eminent place in Australian Subbuteo.

Another challenger is likely to be Melbourne's Paul Mercer, from the Ardeo Wanderers, while Perth, Brisbane and Wollongong clubs will also be sending representatives.

While the Saturday tournament is already full, the Sunday competition is open to the all players who are interested in competing.

For more information, you should contact the Australian Subbuteo Association on 692 8262.

All spectators are welcome.

Canberra's 1991 match roster

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA opens its NSW State League program with a game against Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium on April 7, according to the provisional fixture list issued by the NSW Soccer Federation.

The first match at Deakin Oval is seven days later when newly promoted Southern Districts are the visitors.

Canberra's remaining matches, which are subject to revision after consultation with the clubs are: April 21 Canterbury (a), April 25 Sydney Macedonia (h), April 28 Warringah Freshwater (h), May 4 Sutherland (a), May 12 Rockdale Illinden (h), May 19 Avala (a), May 26 Polonia (h), June 2 Newcastle BHP (a), June 9 Manly-North Shore (h), June 16 Blacktown City (h), June 23 Southern Districts (a), June 30 Canterbury (h), July 7 Sydney Macedonia (a), July 14 Warringah Freshwater (a), July 21 Sutherland (h), July 28 Rockdale Illinden (a), August 4 Avala (h), August 11 Polonia (a), August 18 Newcastle BHP (h), August 25 Manly-North Shore (a).

*ST JOHN'S Church, Reid, was filled to overflowing for the funeral of Weston Creek and ACT goalkeeper Mitch Beresford.

Aged 24, Beresford joined the Creek in 1987 and after battling an injury which kept her out of the game for most of that first season came back to establish a first-team place with the ACT Women's Association champion club.

She broke into the ACT representative side for the recent national championships and looked set for a long career at club and state level.

Creek coach David Connolly described Beresford as a perfectionist.

"There were many occasions on a wet, cold training night when everyone was ready to pack it in and Mitch urged us to stay behind until a particular move or exercise was completed properly," he said.

*CONDORS have been fined \$930 and ordered to place a \$1000 two-year good behaviour bond after crowd disturbances during the University of Canberra seven-a-side tournament in September. ACT League chairman Don Rushan said two Condors players would face the disciplinary tribunal over the incident.

*PERHAPS the least surprising news of the week is that ACT League champion Belconnen United has re-appointed coach Steve Forshaw for a two-year term — the club quite reasonably deciding to keep the man who steered it to three trophies in the most successful season in its history.

Ansett World Cup

The Ansett Australia 1990 World Cup Soccer Competition which is currently being held at Northcote City Soccer Club, Thornbury, Melbourne, is in its final stages.

The results of the games played in the quarter finals were:

Saturday November 24 — Australia 1 Hungary 2
England 4 Chile 2
Sunday November 25 — Portugal 2 Yugoslavia 4,
Greece 5 Mauritius 1

Results of the Semi-Finals were 1st Semi-Final Hungary 1 Greece 2, 2nd Semi-Final England 4 Yugoslavia 2.

The finals played Sunday December 2 are play off for 3rd and 4th Hungary v Yugoslavia and the final game Greece v England.

[Australia felt they had a justifiable complaint that a player for Hungary was not of Hungarian descent.

However, after contemplating the matter, they decided to drop the protest, because they felt it would be bad sportsmanship to have won the game in such a manner.

I personally would sincerely like to thank the members of the Australian squad for keeping the friendly intention of the competition. A.I. Kennedy Director]

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NSL YOUTH LEAGUES Round 8

as at 25.11.90

NORTHERN DIVISION

Apia Leichhardt 3 (Batten 3) v SAS 4 (Vic 2, Tsokanis, O'Shea), Marconi 0 Sydney Olympic 1 (Ari Triantafyllou), St George 4 (Petrides, Zelderman, McGregor, Spanoudakis) Melita Eagles 3 (Williams 2, Martinich), Adamstown Rosebuds 1 (DeGrandje) Wollongong Macedonia 2 (Bourke, Mackovski, Cosiho, Jovanovski), Wollongong City 3 (Petkovic 2, Brodnik) Highfields Azzurri 0.

National Youth League

as is 2.12.90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St George	5	6	1	1	27	14	13
AIS	7	5	2	0	14	6	12
Parramatta	4	4	2	2	14	8	10
Wollongong City	6	4	2	2	11	8	10
Sydney Olympic	8	3	4	1	10	7	10
Sydney Croatia	7	4	1	2	11	3	9
Highfields Azzurri	5	3	2	3	14	16	8
Sydney Academy	7	3	1	3	13	9	7
Apia Leichhardt	5	2	1	5	12	16	5
Marconi Fairfield	7	2	0	5	9	16	4
Wollongong Mils	8	1	1	6	18	3	3
Adamstown R	8	0	1	7	10	27	1

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Results 2.12.90

Melbourne Croatia 5

Springvale City 2, St Melbourne Hellas 7 Preston Mak 2, Melbourne Croatia Colts 3, Northcote City 1, Caulfield City 0 Heidelberg Utd 2, Adelaide City 2 St Melbourne Colts 0, Altona Gate 2 Brighton 0, Geelong City 2 Sunshine GC 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Adelaide City	9	5	1	0	30	8	17
Preston Mak	9	5	2	2	18	11	12
Heidelberg	9	5	2	2	17	12	12
Sunshine GC	9	5	2	2	28	17	12
SMH	9	4	3	2	23	13	11
Caulfield	9	4	3	2	14	11	11
Melbourne Croatia	9	5	0	4	27	16	10
Altona Gate	9	4	1	4	15	12	9
Geelong City	9	2	3	4	14	22	7
SMH Colts	9	3	1	5	8	20	7
Melbourne Colts	9	2	1	6	12	21	5
Northcote City	9	2	1	6	14	27	5
Springvale	9	1	2	6	10	21	4
Brighton	9	2	0	7	5	16	4

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Carlo Tallantira Adelaide City 8, George Alikakos Caulfield City 7, Nick Papadopoulos Heidelberg United 7, Jani Suric Melbourne Croatia Colts 6, Michael Michalakopoulos 6, Mitchell Cattermole Sunshine G.C. 6, Jon Barbra Adelaide City 5, Richard Milasovic Melbourne Croatia 5, Jasni Suric Melbourne Croatia 5.

— ROY HAY

National Youth League Brighton goes close

BY ROY HAY

ADELAIDE City continued its unbeaten run in the National Youth League Southern Division with 1-0 win over Brighton at Dendy Park on Sunday November 25.

It was not City's most convincing performance of the season, and it had to rely on an unfortunate own goal by Brighton keeper Jim Kouritis three minutes into the second half for its victory.

Preston Macedonia retained second place with a 2-0 defeat of Altona Gate in the Macedonian derby at Connor Reserve.

Altona Gate hit the cross-bar twice in the first half, then keeper Petropoulos saved a penalty kick for Preston.

Preston took the lead from the spot in 21 minutes when Vitaje Ferrante scored and as Altona Gate pressed forward seeking an equaliser Chris Emsovski made the points secure with Preston's second goal in 87 minutes.

Caulfield City jumped into third place with a convincing 5-0 win over South Melbourne Hellas Colts at Middle Park.

Socrates Tamvakis opened for Caulfield after 20 minutes and George Alikakos added the first of his two six minutes later. Con Liaskos also scored a double for Caulfield.

It was a fairly physical game and John Gomez of Colts was sent off late in the match.

Sunshine George Cross held on to fourth spot with a 3-0 win against Melbourne Croatia Colts at Skinner Reserve.

Wayne Attard sent George on its way with a goal after three minutes, but keeper Marijo Tarle of Colts defied the Sunshine attack until the 70th minute when Mit-

chell Cattermole got a second goal.

David McFarlane, tuning himself up to fitness in the NYL, scored the third in the last minute.

Northcote City and South Melbourne Hellas played a thrilling 3-3 draw at John Cain Reserve.

Peter Tiktikakis opened for Hellas, but George Sidropoulos equalised with a direct free kick after twenty-five minutes.

Chris Mandoulidis gave the home team a flying start to the second half, with a goal just after the break, but Michael Michalakopoulos equalised mid-way through the half.

It seemed that it would end that way, but in a late flurry George Tsangas, playing his first game for Northcote this season, scored after 90 minutes and Peter Nikolakopoulos again restored the balance deep into injury time.

Heidelberg United downed Melbourne Croatia 3-2 at Olympic Village.

Nick Ousalkas scored twice for Heidelberg and Stavros Mangos got the other, while Croatia's goals came from Husein Skenderovic and Mark Sihc.

In the final match, Springvale City and Geelong City shared the points in a 1-1 draw at the Frank Holohan Complex.

Springvale had numerous opportunities to score in the first twenty minutes, but debutant keeper Michael Gaysaved three point-blank attempts.

Geelong City's Cedo Rakic and Peter Milasovic came close on either side of the break.

Benny Cacciotti put Springvale ahead in the 87th minute, but Rakic equalised for Geelong just as the referee was about to blow for time.

National Youth League North

St George downs Highfield to take lead

BY PAUL GOODE

THERE is a new outright leader in the National Youth League Northern Division in the persons of St George, who defeated Highfields Azzurri 5-3 on Sunday in Newcastle.

An estimated 700 people turned up to see the talented youngsters coached by Dez Marton, and they were not disappointed.

Despite hot conditions play was fast and furious and at times a little physical.

The home side took a fifth minute lead when Paul Saerane crossed nicely for Keiran Harris to head home.

Adam Poric equalised for the Sydney side 13 minutes later, after a defensive mix-up and with 10 minutes of the first half remaining Daryl Ziederman put the visitors in front with a superb header from 15 metres.

Two brilliant solo efforts by John Kakakios gave St George a nice cushion and a 4-1 lead soon after the break, and when Poric chipped home a Shaun Freestone cross in the 77th it looked set for a whitewash.

Highfields, to their credit, kept plugging away and were rewarded with two further goals.

A free kick found Harris, who set up Marc Oliver in the 80th, and a corner from the right by Ricky Bucci was stab-

bed home by Dean Adamson for the eighth goal of the game; one which delighted a sun-soaked crowd.

The AIS looked set to preserve their competition lead (on goal difference) when they lead Parramatta Melita 1-0 until the 85th minute, only to concede a mystifying penalty which brought a 1-1 final result.

On a sultry night Melita keeper Steve Mautone was in top form, denying the youngsters until Danny Stowers got down the left flank in the 69th minute.

His cross eluded several defenders before AIS sweeper Steve Foster latched onto the ball at the far post and slotted it home.

Lenny Vial gave Melita a point when he converted a penalty awarded for a late challenge by a defender desperately scrambling the ball away for a corner.

Melita lifted after this, and only acrobatics of Frank Juric prevented Aldo Martinich getting the home side a late winner.

Goals by Robert Stanton in the 11th and by Gabriel Gonzalez in the 8th secured a 2-0 win for Sydney Croatia over Apia Leichhardt at Edensor Park.

Wollongong City comfortably defeated neighbours Wollongong Macedonia 4-0 at Brandon Park with goals by Steve Krishna, Mike Horseley, Danny



STEVE MAUTONE

Petkovic and Shaun Williams doing the damage.

The very young Adamstown Rosebud side were no match for the rapidly improving team from the Sydney Academy of Soccer, based at St George.

Although the Academy's keeper Andrew Prentice was in sparkling form and prevented Adamstown from scoring more than one goal, and one in particular from an Adam Sanderson attempt, the home side blitzed the Newcastle visitors 5-1.

RESULTS

Sydney Academy 5 Adamstown Rosebuds 1 (Sanderson), Sydney Croatia 2 (Stanton, Gonzalez) Apia Leichhardt 0, Parramatta Melita 1 (Vial) AIS 1 (Foster), Highfields Azzurri 3 (Harris, Oliver, Adamson) St George 5 (Poric 2, Zelderman, Kakakios 2), Wollongong Macedonia 0 Wollongong City 4 (Krishna, Horseley, Petkovic, Shaun Williams).

LEADING SCORERS as at 2.12.90:

7 David Batten (AL), 5 Stephen Corica (AIS), Daryl Ziederman, John Kakakios, Adam Poric (all St G), 4 Pablo Cardoso (Oly), Dean Adamson (High), 3 Tony Veleaski (SA), Damien Smith (Adam), Shaun Freestone, Adam

Clanter (both St G), Aldo Martinich (PM).

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"The groundswell in the relevant government circles in Canberra is that they are certainly not impressed (with the TSF action)."

Some state circles have never been impressed by the fact that the NSL receives a very tidy sum from the QUIT deal, which probably goes more towards defraying air fares than anything else.

Mr Constantine believes it is up to the TSF to tell Rothmans it cannot proceed with the arrangement.

And then there is his final king hit.

"We have to approach government and the business sector from time to time."

"The TSF will have to face up to the fact that there must be discipline in the ranks, so that the code can present a united front."

The Vic Health people have been quite understanding.

But the ASF commissioners face a vital renegotiation of sponsorship in two years' time.

Alternatively, they will be out in the business world, seeking a replacements.

Fortunately the ASF/NSL should have a competent media and promotions man soon to properly service the Vic Health account.

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NSW Country teams selections

HERE is a summary of the procedure for the selection of the NSW Country teams for the National Championships in 1991 as adopted by the board of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

1. Country Championships to be held during the middle weekend of the July school holidays for ages 13 to 16. This will be a five team tournament with Northern Metro-

politan playing for selection purposes only.

2. 25 players from each age group 13 to 15 to be selected to trial in a camp during the week immediately following the Country Championship weekend. During the week, this number to be reduced to 16 with players notified by mail after the camp.

3. All players are also eligible to be selected for the State team which will be in camp at the same time.

4. State Country Rep Coach will be selected



FRANK WILSON

A member of the State Executive to attend all Country Championship Venues.

Eligible Teams: Western Branch, Southern Branch, Riverina Branch, Northern Branch (Country)

Northern Branch (Metropolitan) teams to participate as non-competitive. (These players are eligible for the Country Rep. Teams)

Venues for Country Championships should have some form of Group accommodation available for either teams requiring some for the following week's camp.

Selection of Players to attend the Country Rep. Teams selection Camp

In each age group, 13, 14, 15, 16, a total of 25 players shall be selected to trial

Where possible, the selection camp shall be held at the same venue as the age group championship

The selection camp shall commence on Sunday evening (Dinner included) and shall finish on Friday afternoon 2pm

Each age Group shall be reduced to 16 players being 2 goalkeepers and 14 field players. Notification of those players selected shall be by mail

Selection of players to attend the Camp shall be made by the State Coach, Branch Regional Coach and consultation with each of the Branch Coaches

Availability of Country Representative Players for State Teams

Should any player trialing for the Country Rep. Team, be considered by the State Coach to have the qualities required, then he shall be available for selection to the State Team.

The State Team shall have first call on all players.

Coach 1991/1992

For year 1991 and 1992 the State Executive shall appoint Coaches to supervise the Country Representative Teams.

At the Country Championships one of The Five (5) Branch Coaches in attendance shall be appointed to assist the Country Rep. Coach.

This assistance shall continue until the conclusion of the National Championships.

Following 1992 championships, coaches from Country Branches shall be appointed to Country Representative Teams.

by the Executive. One of the Branch Coaches will be appointed at the Country Championships to assist.

5. National Championships are usually held on or about the September School Holidays. State Titles are normally programmed around these dates and will continue in their present format.

Here is the selection process arrangements, as submitted by the Soccer Secretary, Frank Wilson.

Selection of Branch Representative Teams

Each Association affiliated to a Branch be invited to nominate players to trial for the Branch Representative Team.

A Selection Camp be convened over the Easter break to finalise the Branch Team.

Team Selections would be handled by the Branch Coach for that Age Group, assisted by the Branch Regional Coach

If requested, one of the State Coaches could be made available to assist with the selection camp

Training of Branch Representative Teams

Each Branch to organise a training camp for the Branch Representative Teams over the Queen's Birthday Weekend

Other one-day training sessions could be organised by the Branch as they deem necessary.

Training Sessions would be conducted by the Branch Coach for the particular age group

Training sessions are to be overseen by the Branch Regional Coach

If requested, one of the State Coaches could be made available to assist with the training camps

Country Championships

To be played Friday, Saturday, Sunday, middle weekend of the July School holidays.

One Age Group minimum be allocated to each of the four Country Branches.

Tournament Manager to be appointed by the State following nomination by the Branch conducting the particular age group/s

BOOKS OF THE WEEK 1990-91 YEARBOOKS

A number of Soccer Football Yearbooks are now available from the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

1. ROTHMANS FOOTBALL YEAR BOOK 1990-91

Edited by Jack Rollin

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Published by Queen Anne Press, 1990, Paper bound, 992 pages, illustrated. Size 210mm x 135mm. Price \$29.95.

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John Hedison elected NSWASF life member

NSWASF president John Hedison has been elected as a life member of the organisation in recognition of his distinguished career in the Amateur ranks.



Some of his better known achievements are

- Coached NSW State teams in 1974 and from 1980 to 1983.
- Managed NSW State teams from 1984 to 1990
- Director on State Board from 1982 to 1990, holding positions of publicity officer 1982-1985, marketing officer 1986-1987, when he was in-

strumental in establishing today's marketing and sponsorship program.

- President from 1987 to 1990 — the NSWASF's most progressive period. Also spent two years as NSWASF delegate to NSWAF board.

Mr Hedison has also long been involved in working for the progress of soccer in the St George district

Life membership to Frank Wilson

FRANK Wilson has been awarded a life membership of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

Apart from his own continuous service to the game, his family also gave years of work as well.

His late father, Bill Wilson, gained life membership, and he and his late uncle, Les Wilson, were former secretaries.

In their time the Amateurs were known as the NSW Junior Soccer Football Association.

Frank Wilson was state secretary from

1984 to 1986 and 1988 to 1990, after 19 years in various positions with the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association and 14 years as delegate to Sydney Branch.

He has acted as trainer for NSW State teams from 1983 to 1990 and attends all coaching camps for State and Country Teams, giving up both his recreation leave and long service leave to do so.

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European scholarship winners announced



The Sports Exchange scholarship presentation. Pictured left to right are NSW Amateur Soccer Federation president John Hedison, Paul Dee, Peter Dewhurst of Sports Exchange, and the other recipient, David Thomas.

THE two winners of the Sports Exchange Australia scholarship to Denmark were surprised to learn of their successful applications at an interview session arranged prior to a meeting of the executive committee of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation on Friday, November 16.

The winners are Paul Dee and David Thomas, both of whom received their prize from Peter Dewhurst representing Sports Exchange Australia.

Paul Dee is a member of the Australian

Joeys squad which is currently in South America.

He has been captain of the NSW state team from 1988 to 1990 and was a most worthy winner.

There is no doubt that Paul is one of Australia's outstanding talents.

David Thomas' career has been very similar to Paul's.

He has also represented NSW in all three age groups and, although he was not selected in the current Joeys' squad, will undoubtedly also fulfil his ambition and play for Australia in the near future.

Both players are highly regarded by all of their past and pre-

sent coaches and teachers and will be fine ambassadors for their country.

Fortunately the players have been friends for years.

They will travel together during the Easter holidays in 1991 to Denmark where they will be met and taken to Brøndby IF, Denmark's top senior club.

The club will look after the boys and keep them fully occupied on soccer-related activities.

They will train and play with the youth squad and experience European football first hand for the first time.

A large number of quality applications

were received from all over Australia, such is the interest in this type of scholarship and it is unfortunate that more cannot be offered.

The NSW Amateur

Soccer Federation would like to publicly thank Sports Exchange Australia and Brøndby IF for making these valuable scholarships possible.

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"This approach is understandable but the magazine's decisive conclusion was that SBS's 'World Soccer' program remains the only comprehensive run down covering the game in all corners of the globe," he stated.

"Soccer programs in passionate countries tend to be parochial and coverage of their local league gives no overall picture of progress or development, even in adjoining countries."

As a multi-cultural station SBS must have a commitment to giving the 'world' in everything, whether in the sporting, news, political or artistic forums.

This education of soccer for Australian viewers has long been overdue and has weaned us from a reliance on the British game as the centre of the code.

SBS has pioneered influences into our current game of South American flair, European short passing and improved technique together with the British pace and aggression, which have resulted in not only a better educated audience but a diversification of what is produced on the park.

"Aussies Abroad" is a current feature on world soccer that informs on a weekly basis on the progress of Australian-born players throughout the world.

This underlines the desire of SBS to include relevant local content, while reinforcing their overall aims.

Murray also believes that Italian soccer is a much needed addendum to World Soccer.

"The mid-80's was a time when Italy received the influx of top



foreign stars and it rapidly became the number one domestic league in the world", observes Murray.

The content from Italy is a week in, week out look at how international stars from the recent World Cup are progressing.

This provides a vital link for soccer supporters between the bread and butter and the cream which each competition represents.

With SBS showing growth in all areas and a decline in the ethnic tag associated with the station, the recent World Cup coverage was a substantial coup and an acknowledgment of the degree to which SBS is truly 'a soccer station'.

The World Cup allowed public awareness of the station and its sponsors to reach unbelievable heights over the month long telecast.

This will ensure that future campaigns have an increased number of viewers.

The station's rights to the Soccerroos and representative matches on Australian soil passes to ABC-TV on January 1, after SBS had offered an excellent package.

One can be assured, however, that soccer coverage in the future is a priority with SBS, and that viewers will continue to receive a first class education of the world's number one sport.

NSW Amateurs win recognition

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation is to have a direct voice on the Australian Soccer Federation.

This is a forward move, as the vast repository of knowledge of junior and amateur growth systems possessed by NSW could help rejuvenate at the code at playing level right across the continent.

It should come in following acceptance of ASF constitutional changes on December 8.

One of the weaknesses of past years, which history conclusively shows cost the code dearly, was to relegate the juniors to only a sub-committee with a negligible organisational status.

It was clear right from the jump that the policy was completely sterile, and the proof is that the states which were small in junior numbers have remained just that, and over many years.

I believe those who engineered that position constricted the progress of the game across the southern states and through to the west.

Methods that were proved so conclusively in NSW, Queensland and the ACT would have been implemented many years ago, when Phil Sleep was appointed secretary of the then Australian Amateur Soccer Federation.

He knew what was required, after years of service in Bankstown Association and the NSW Amateur ranks.

But he was never allowed to get on with the job, and a brilliant move was allowed to wither on the vine.

Australian soccer cannot progress without a decentralised junior system, as the game must have quantity as well as quality as older generations leave the scene.

For the most part

the ASF junior management committee attended to national junior championships, and was rarely if ever involved in methods to spread soccer strongly in every city, town and village throughout the country.

John Hedison will be the representative on the ASF, and should be consulted by the commissioners and ASF staff when the question of grassroots growth receives its proper consideration.

Re-elected unopposed to the NSW Amateur Federation board of directors at its recent annual meeting were chairman John Hedison, senior vice chairman Harrie Denning, state soccer secretary Frank Wilson, finance director George Churchward, competition, secretary Bill Cullinan and registrar Frank Broughton.

Jim Forrest will continue as a member of the NSWASF board.

D M. Allen & Co remain as auditors. Don Allen is a former NSW treasurer and Ku-ring-gai Association president.

The Federation's solicitor, Allan Brawn, is an ex-secretary of the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association.

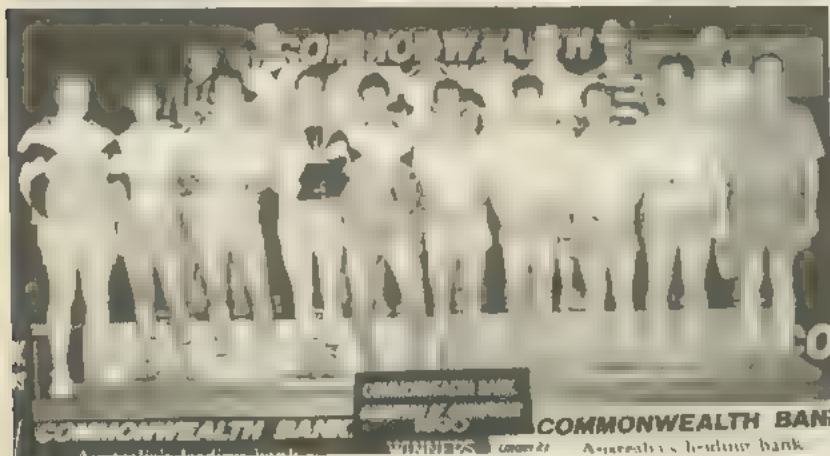
In attendance at the meeting were ASF chairman John Constantine and secretary Alan Vessey and NSW president, Peter Thorne.

NSW Director of Coaching David Lee made a plea to associations to ensure that properly qualified people are appointed as their coaching directors.

The \$1 per player fee for development was incorporated into the capitation fees, with under 8s reduced to 50c.

The \$1 per head ASF Development Fee was approved for the 1991 season.

Penno's six years



West Pennant Hills — U21 Champions.

WEST Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook under 21 proved themselves yet again by winning the NSW Champion of Champions tournament on October 21.

The team defeated Ku-ring-gai club Kissing Point 1-0 in the Commonwealth Bank-sponsored semi-final at Valentine Sports Park.

"West Penno's" record does not stop with the 1990 final.

They have appeared in the final of the last six state amateur competitions.

In 1988 they won both the Champion of Champions and the NSW U21 Robertson Cup.

They reached both finals in 1989, but went out 2-1 losers in both cases.

Engadine Eagles defeated them 2-1 in this

year's Robertson Cup.

Two of three generations of a soccer family is represented in the team.

Kevin Iredale is a player, and father Ross Iredale the team manager.

His father, retired these days, is Ray Iredale, a former NSW State League referee and NSW referees' official.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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Julie Murray returns from spell in Denmark

BY GRAHAM COOPER



AUSTRALIAN soccer international Julie Murray is back home in Canberra after a pioneering 10 months as a semi-professional in Europe.

And while there are about 40 Australian males earning their living from the code around the continent, she and former national captain Carol Vinson, of Sydney, became the first women from this country to receive payment on a regular basis.

Their club, Fortuna, only finished third in the 12-team Danish League but she still regards the experience as worthwhile.

"Both Carol and I have an option to return next season, but I'll be staying here through 1991 to give myself the best chance of making the Australian team for the World Cup," Murray said.

And she carried bad news for Australian Women's Soccer Association officials, who had hoped to have Fortuna in Australia in January for a triangular tournament with Swedish champion Malmo and the national side.

"They won't be coming," she said. "They were keen at first, but after looking at the costs involved they decided to go to the United States instead."

"Malmo are definitely coming and I saw them in one of their key games a few weeks ago."

"They weren't that impressive, but I was told they can play a lot better."

Despite being paid to play, she quickly discovered that women have a long way to go to match the sums con-

sidered normal by their male equivalents in soccer-crazy Europe.

"Carol and I were found a three-bedroom town house," she said.

"We had a car, our petrol was paid for and we also got expenses for food and pocket money."

"It was quite difficult to make ends meet at times — living in Denmark isn't cheap."

They made extra money working at the club when it entertained visiting teams and during the massive Dana Cup competition which attracts entries from all over the world.

"Fortuna also insisted we attend school to learn Danish — I can read and understand it quite well now although I still have difficulty speaking it."

There was also training every day but after that their time was largely their own.

"Carol used to go to the gym a great deal and we went shopping either in the town of Hjørring where Fortuna is situated, or in Aalborg," she said.

Not surprisingly, the highlight of the week was the game.

"Our stadium was fantastic. Because of the weather the pitch was always a bit on the soft side but there was a grandstand and an average crowd of 500."

"On top of that we got regular press coverage and some time on television."

She was never overawed by the standard of play.

"I believe (ACT League champion) Weston Creek wouldn't be out of place in the competition."

"There's no way they would win it, but

they wouldn't finish bottom either."

Murray's next sporting appointment is a training camp for the Australian team at the AIS later this month. She also plans to play the other sport in which she has represented her country — softball.

"I'm signed for the Upstarts and I would like to represent the ACT again in the national titles," she said.

"But I've decided to make football my main sport from now on."

Steve Darby on the job

Planning for the future

BY KEITH GILMOUR

RECENTLY appointed national development officer, Steve Darby, is now at his post in the Australian Soccer Federation office.

His immediate plans are to develop various programs at national level.

These are:

1. A low cost manual for beginner coaches, so that the volunteer coach who has little experience of the game can make the initial introduction for junior players a positive and enjoyable experience.

2. The introduction of the Australian Sports Commission Challenge Achievement and Pathways in Sport (C.A.P.S.) Scheme. This program will aim to cater for the non-elite player and help train and guide them into areas such as administration, sports trainers, coaching and refereeing.

3. A modified game of mini-soccer will be

established so that a uniform game can be played all over Australia, and can also be utilised as marketing tool for the code. Other sports have had great success with this concept.

4. The writing of soccer orientated codes of behaviour for the major interest groups in soccer.

Darby has had a wide range of experience in soccer, having played and or coached professionally in England, United States of America, Bahrain and Australia at both club and international level.

He is an English FA full badge holder, a FIFA Instructor for Oceania, and an ASF staff coach.

In Australia he has coached at both club level and state senior and youth teams, in the ACT and Tasmania.

He holds an Honours Degree in physical education and a Masters Degree in educational administration.

He was recently em-



played by the Australian Sports Commission as National Coaching Director of the Aussie Sports Programme.

With regard to mini-soccer, this was introduced many years ago in NSW by the present NSW Director of Coaching, David Lee.

It would be interesting to know which associations do not, at this stage, utilise the concept of modified rules, field and goalposts sizes.

One of the main areas which could be explored is a general game for seniors and juniors to take over the role occupied in eastern states by rugby league's derivative, touch football.

A soccer skills game of this nature, planned to be

held during the summer on midweek or weekend dates, could be gradually developed.

Indoor futsal cannot take up the overall area of enthusiasm available, as there are insufficient arenas in the city and in country towns to cater for such competitions.

"Touch soccer" would concentrate on skills, and in large numbers of participants as it developed.

Competitions could be arranged by committees running under the control of, but separate to, the local district soccer

football association.

So here is the germ of an idea which could prove, over the years, invaluable to the nurturing of the "South American" skills which are so much desired and which would further expand the game of real football.

In addition, Darby would discuss NSW development plans with NSW Amateur Federation general manager Cei Buccellio, and development officer Robert Wheatley as NSW development plans are well advanced.

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*Lindsay Hewison, Murfield High absent in Europe.



Portuguese get tough

THE Portuguese government, shocked by riots and allegations of widespread bribery among soccer referees, has voted to punish corruption in the sport with up to four years in jail.

The cabinet said in a statement it was sending the new legislation urgently to parliament for approval.

Giving or taking performance-enhancing drugs will also be punished severely, it said.

Portugal has been rocked by press allegations of widespread corruption in the soccer world.

One referee was alleged to have been caught accepting a cheque for \$20,000, but he has denied the accusation and no formal charges have been brought.

Several hundred angry fans went on an unprecedented rampage in Faro last Sunday week after their team lost to a last-minute goal.



Police fired warning shots and let off tear gas after Farense fans tried to attack the referee and stone the coach carrying visiting team Porto.

Twenty people, including a dozen police officers, were hurt.

The football daily "A Bola", wrote of "a powerful Mafia" rife within the nation's sporting passion.

"A measure which once would have been considered an abusive interference is today applauded by all who have fought for clean sport," it said.

"Corruption, fraudulent use of power and the use of stimulants have reached unheard-of proportions."



The masterminds of yet another Brondby triumph in Denmark — star player Ukechukwu, a Nigerian defender, and coach Ras-Muhammad.

Parma's Melli and Tempestilli of Roma clash in recent Italian league action.

UEFA Cup action

BY LOU GAUTIER

SPORTING Lisbon, Inter Milan, AS Roma, Wacker Admira, of Austria, and Danish surprise packets Brondby are looking good after the first leg of the UEFA Cup Round 3.

This quartet won big last Wednesday, especially Roma who trounced Bordeaux 5-0 at home in what proved a disastrous debut for Bordeaux's new management after the resignation of former president Claude Bez.

Inter proved too classy at the San Siro Stadium for Partizan Belgrade, with Lothar Matthaus setting the tone with a spectacular early goal.

Brondby continued their fairytale success with another big win, this time at Bayer Leverkusen's expense, with two well-taken goals by Torben Frank.

Bologna did worst of the four Italian teams, crashing to a 3-0 defeat to Admira Wacker in Vienna and, to make things worse, 2000 of their fans rioted at half-time.

Atalanta Bergamo did extremely well to snatch a 1-1 draw at FC Koln and Portugal's Sporting Lisbon, with Vlado Bozinoski a second half sub, just about clinched passage to the quarter-finals with a 2-0 win at Arnhem.

Monaco kept their hopes alive by scoring an away goal at Torpedo Moscow, but Anderlecht's 1-0 win at home over Borussia Dortmund may not be enough.

The first leg results:

FC Koln 1 (Progn) Atalanta 1 (Bordin), Vitesse Arnhem 0 Sporting Lisbon 2 (Xavier, Gomes), Anderlecht 1 (Vanderlinden) Borussia Dortmund 0, Inter Milan 3 (Matthaus, Mandorini, Bianchi) Par-



tizan Belgrade 0, AS Roma 5 (Voller 3, Gerolin 2) Bordeaux 0, Torpedo 2 (Tichkov, Savichev) Monaco 1 (Pessl), Brondby 3 (Frank 2, Christensen) Bayer Leverkusen 0, Wacker Admira 3 Bologna 0.

Di Stefano in hot seat

ALFREDO Di Stefano has been appointed caretaker coach of troubled Spanish soccer club Real Madrid.

The former Argentine and Real Madrid star takes over from Welshman John Toshack, who was sacked.

Di Stefano, Real coach from 1982 to 1984, told reporters after a club board meeting that he would continue as coach until the end of the season or until a full-time replacement for Toshack was found.

"I hope it will be for as long as possible. It's a great opportunity," he said.

The 64-year-old naturalised Spaniard, who was named the best European soccer player of all-time earlier this year, said former Real players Ramon Moreno Grosso and

REDS BACK?



The European Soccer Union (UEFA) said it would decide next April whether English champions Liverpool should be readmitted to its competitions.

UEFA president Lennart Johansson revealed after an executive committee meeting: "We are not in a hurry. We will decide at our meeting next April 19 whether to lift the three-season ban on Liverpool."

"The case itself is unique. The ban was imposed by the disciplinary committee and upheld by the appeals board. The statutes do not, however, bar the executive committee from re-examining the case. So let's wait and see."

English clubs were banned from Europe after 39 people died following rioting by Liverpool supporters at the European Cup final against Juventus in Brussels' Heysel Stadium on May 29, 1985.

That ban was lifted this year, with Aston Villa and Manchester United being readmitted to European competitions, but Liverpool remained suspended for a further three years.



ALFREDO DI STEFANO

Jose Antonio Camacho would be his assistants.

Toshack was dismissed following Real's third league defeat of the season.

They were lying only in sixth place a fortnight ago.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER



- Bundesliga side VfB Stuttgart are trying out two internationals, Soviet midfielder Anatoli Demianenko and Norwegian striker Andrew Dahlum.
- Soviet international striker Igor Dobrovolsky, who has signed a five-year contract with Italy's Genoa, will be loaned to Porto of Portugal because Genoa already have their quota maximum allowance of three foreign players.
- Ricardo Gallego has finally found a club. Udinese's former Spanish international has signed a three-year contract with Rayo Vallecano.
- Kenny Clements has left Irish side Limerick to take over as manager of Shrewsbury Town in England.
- Swiss club Young Boys Berne has signed Roseborg's Norwegian international striker "Mini" Jakobsen.
- Polish team Zagłębie Lubin have sacked their manager Stanislaw Swier after several mediocre results this season.
- Costa Rican striker Juan Cayasso is the second leading goal scorer in the Bundesliga Division 2. He has scored 15 to date for Germany's Kickers Stuttgart.
- Sampdoria veteran Toninho Cerezo is out of action for two more weeks after suffering a double sprain to his right ankle and leg in the European Cup-Winners' Cup.
- Brazilian striker Baltazar has signed an eight-month contract with Portuguese champions FC Porto. Baltazar, 31, who played for Atletico Madrid in Spain for four seasons and won the Spanish scoring title two seasons ago, has an option to sign for another year with Porto.
- Bruce Grobbelaar has signed a new three-year contract with Liverpool. The Zimbabwe-born goalkeeper will earn \$1.2 million over the next three years with the Reds.
- Per Frandsen became the fourth Danish player to join French First Division club Lille when he signed a five-and-a-half year contract. Frandsen, a 20-year-old attacking midfield player with two international caps to his name, signed from 1993 Copenhagen and before that from Michael-Mio Nielsen, Jakob-Frils Hansen and Henryk Nielsen at the club.
- Valeri Nepomniachi, coach to World Cup surprise team Cameroun, is returning to the Soviet Union. His contract has expired and the African side is understood to be looking for a French replacement.
- Two Juventus players, sent off after a mass brawl, have each been fined 25,000 dollars by the club. Paolo di Canio and Brazilian defender Julio Cesar were given their marching orders, along with AS Roma defender Sebino Nela, when a group of players fought for the best part of a minute after striker di Canio had tackled Nela in Juventus' 5-0 win in Turin.
- Dario Siviski is yet another Argentinian headed abroad. The San Lorenzo midfielder has joined Servette Geneva, of Switzerland.
- Scottish international Murdo McLeod has been let go by Bundesliga club Borussia Dortmund. He has joined Hearts of Edinburgh.
- Marseille's star fullback Manuel Amoros will be sidelined until at least February. The captain of the French national team underwent surgery to his right knee.
- After the Faroe Islands and San Marino it's Lapland's turn to apply for membership of FIFA and UEFA.
- Anderlecht's Icelandic international striker Arnor Gudjohnsen has joined Bordeaux of France.
- Jan Muller, the 21-year-old Faroe Island international striker, has become his tiny country's first professional. Muller has signed for Go Ahead Eagles, of the Dutch Second Division.
- Ireland's best supported club, Shamrock Rovers, have switched home grounds. They are now playing at the Royal Dublin Society's ground. As the centre caters mainly for horse shows, all the players have had to submit to tetanus shots...
- The Coca-Cola and Gillette companies are poised for a \$80 million battle to sponsor the English FA Cup. The FA decided to invite the giant US companies to sponsor the event following the requirements of the Taylor Report on ground improvements that will cost English soccer \$280 million.
- Joe Venglos' contract as coach of Aston Villa has already been extended until 1994 at a minimum \$220,000 a year — an \$100,000 rise.

Heads, you lose!

THIRTY percent of retired Norwegian soccer players in a medical survey showed signs of minor brain damage which was attributed to heading the ball, according to a report published in the Norwegian capital.

Medical student Alf Thorvald Tysvaer, in his doctoral thesis presented at Oslo University, also said that three percent of the active Norwegian soccer players he studied showed similar symptoms.

He stressed in an interview with the news agency NPK that the brain changes he recorded were "light to moderate," unlike results found in boxing.

Norway Soccer Federation spokesman Willy Simonssen said widespread damage appeared unlikely.

"I have not noticed it in my meetings with players," he said.

Tysvaer also said players risk brain dam-

age by using their heads to direct a 392-443 gram ball travelling at more than 100 kph.

He estimated that players average several thousand headers per season and their heads occasionally collide duelling for a high ball.

In his study, former players complained of headache, dizziness and irritability and some had problems with pain in the neck... symptoms of chronic, or permanent, brain damage.

NPK said Tysvaer's study included 69 active Norwegian Division One players and 43 former national team members.

This was not the first warning on the dangers of heading.

American professor Vojin N. Smolaka, writing in the January 1985 edition of FIFA Magazine, called for measures to counter possible brain damage from heading.

Smolaka said players can average 5,250 headers in a 15-year career and called for further study.

Quiz Teaser

- 1 French goalscoring hero Jean-Pierre Papin's first club was (a) Lille (b) FC Brugge 3 (c) Toulouse?
- 2 Assistant Soccer coach Les Scheinflug only had one club as a player: (a) Canterbury (b) Pan Hellenic (c) Sydney Prague?
- 3 The first World Cup goal — in 1930 — was scored by: (a) Laurent of France (b) Leonidas of Brazil (c) Andrade of Uruguay?
- 4 Egypt's first appearance in a World Cup final tournament was in: (a) 1934 (b) 1954 (c) 1990?
- 5 Who finished third in the 1962 World Cup: (a) England (b) Yugoslavia (c) Chile?
- 6 Can you name the second club from the Spanish city of Barcelona: (a) Espanol (b) Logrones (c) Betis?
- 7 Argentina's 1978 World cup supremo Cesar Luis Menotti now coaches: (a) Boca Juniors (b) Sevilla (c) Penarol?
- 8 Which country took out the soccer bronze medal at the 1968 Olympic Games: (a) Hungary (b) Mexico (c) Japan?
- 9 The first overseas team to tour Australia after FIFA lifted its ban on the ASF was: (a) Everton (b) Torpedo Moscow (c) Chelsea?
- 10 The first European Championship, in 1960, was won by: (a) Yugoslavia (b) USSR (c) Spain?
- 11 Who are the current holders of the UEFA Cup: (a) Sampdoria (b) Anderlecht (c) Juventus?
- 12 What is the name of Austria's biggest football stadium: (a) Prater (b) Alpenstadion (c) Blauweiss?
- 13 What was the name of Sydney Olympic's predecessors: (a) Sydney Hellas (b) Omonia (c) Pan Hellenic?
- 14 Diego Maradona's first Argentine club was: (a) Boca Juniors (b) Rosario Central (c) Argentinos Juniors.
- 15 In what year was FIFA formed: (a) 1904 (b) 1911 (c) 1913?
- 16 Eddie Krncevic's first club in Europe was: (a) Duisburg (b) Hajduk Split (c) Dinamo Zagreb?
- 17 Ireland's first appearance at the World Cup finals was in: (a) 1990 (b) 1966 (c) 1954?
- 18 Belgium's national team is known as: (a) The Red Devils (b) Lions of Flanders (c) The Red Eagles?
- 19 Which was the first World Cup match to be decided on a penalty shoot-out: (a) Brazil v Argentina (1982) (b) West Germany v France (1982) (c) West Germany v Mexico (1986)?
- 20 Who was Brazil's 1958 World Cup-winning captain (a) Bellini (b) Zagalo (c) Saldanha?

• Answers on Page 23



Top shot that ... Arsenal's Anders Limpar (11) is on target for his team's second goal in their match against Southampton at Highbury

BEZ MUST STEP DOWN

THE chairman of French club Bordeaux has been forced to step down after being charged with fraud at the First Division club last week in the latest of a series of financial scandals shaking French football.

Claude Bez, chairman since 1978, led the club to two league championships in the 1980s but cannot continue while facing prosecution.

Bez was in Paris last week giving evidence to an inquiry set up by the French Football Federation into accusations of bribery he levelled at league champions Marseille.

He is already in trouble with the European Football Union for revealing he supplied referees with call girls at European Cup matches.

Bez, his 30-year-old son Eric and a local builder, are charged with a number of fraud counts concerning \$2.6 million missing from a building project at the club's new training ground and country manor house.

The club has admitted to being \$63 million in the red.

French football was plunged into a financial whirlpool by a series of special tax audits ordered by the government last year which have uncovered alleged slush funds used to sweeten players.

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How serious is England's bid for 1998 World Cup?

TO the clear annoyance of the FA, influential figures within the Football League seem to be at the forefront of the bid to stage the 1998 World Cup in England.

They believe, rightly no doubt, that a successful international tournament staged in England would generate lots of money.

This income would prove invaluable to English clubs in their efforts to modernise their stadia and provide much-improved facilities for their paying customers.

Okay so far, but think of all the money that will have to be spent in the next few years on lobbying FIFA representatives that might more usefully be spent on ground improvements and the bailing out of struggling clubs.

The other countries competing to stage the finals (at the last count there were four — France, Morocco, Switzerland and Portugal) have had a couple of years' head start in organising their bids, with the French already established as clear favourites.

The English bid is not likely to be helped by the fact that no international matches have been staged at Football League venues in recent times.

This is, of course, a by-product of the FA's binding agreement with the owners of Wembley which obliges them to stage all England's international matches at the stadium well into the next century.

In recent seasons, many England matches at Wembley have drawn embarrassingly small crowds, a fact which makes the present agreement seem all the more ludicrous.

The last England home game to be played anywhere other than



England's Paul Gascoigne in action against Scotland.

Wembley was a friendly against Poland at Goodison Park as long ago as 1966.

Most of the English grounds likely to be involved in staging games would be in need of a thorough overhaul.

FIFA regulations require the host country to provide at least eight stadia with a seating capacity of 40,000 or more, including one ground capable of holding 80,000.

Of all the League grounds that might be in contention for staging World Cup games, it is probable that only Old Trafford would retain a capacity of more than 40,000 on its current site when all the standing areas are removed.

Therefore, this would appear to suggest that several new stadia would have to be built.

According to the Taylor Report, all First and Second Division grounds must be all-seater by 1994.

If the finals were to be awarded to England,

it is not likely that funding would be concentrated on the grounds chosen as venues, while smaller stadia miss out?

While the great and good of the English game were busily supervising the restructuring of Old Trafford or Villa Park, some clubs, the 'less important' ones, of course, might die of neglect.

Would it be a sign of complete paranoia if we were to suggest that, to some, a key underlying motive behind the whole idea is the creation of a greatly streamlined League composed of big city clubs in gleaming new super-stadia?

They probably dream of entering the twenty-first century with the bunting celebrating England's 1998 World Cup victory still hanging from public buildings, as fans flock to see the dozen or so weekly matches played in the Diet-Coke British Professional Soccer Championship (a sub-

sidary division of the European Super League).

In any case, it seems more than a little ironic that the League should be firmly behind such a proposal.

After all, they often seem to be actively working against the interests of the international side, as evidenced by the decision to enlarge the First Division.

As a result of this, clubs will gain financially from the upsurge in interest sparked off by England's performances in Italy while, ironically, international players run great risk of injury through playing more matches.

In addition, does anyone honestly believe that the august gentlemen who concocted 'events' like the 1988 Centenary celebrations would be capable of making any sort of constructive contribution to the organisation of a World Cup tournament?

Any proposal made by these people, however desirable under normal circumstances, is bound to be greeted with suspicion.

This is not simply slugging for the sake of it, just an indication of our lack of belief in the capabilities of the game's administrators.

It would help if the League and FA could at least try to avoid fuelling in public over which of them has the right to bid for the World Cup.

If they can't even sort that out, who would entrust them with organising anything?

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Aston Villa's Tony Dalley hurdles over two Inter Milan players in the Italians' recent 3-0 UEFA Cup win.

East German football is now history

THE East German Federation voted itself out of existence on November 20 to make way for a pan-German institution following unification in October.

The 175 DFV delegates, meeting in Leipzig's town hall, voted unanimously to disband the federation formed in 1958, saying they were happy to merge with West Germany's DFB.

"In these German-German soccer talks we never had the impression we were disadvantaged," said DFV President Hans-Georg Moldenhauer.

Despite its world dominance in other sports, East Germany never shone on the soccer field.

Its greatest moment came in the 1974 World Cup finals, when it beat West Germany, the eventual champion, 1-0 in the first round.

Australia was in the same group.

The DFV has changed its name to the North-East German Soccer Federation.

Its league competition will continue until the end of this season when the best clubs will join the Bundesliga.

The eastern organisation brings the DFB,



which includes amateur and semi-professional as well as professional Bundesliga teams, an additional 4,934 member clubs, raising the total to 26,760.

A farewell match between the East and West German teams, scheduled for November 21, was cancelled by Leipzig authorities for fear of violence similar to that on November 3 when police shot dead a hooligan during a riot.

"These people are not soccer fans," DFB President Hermann Neuberger told the delegates. "They're just using the stage provided by soccer."

The DFV's last act was to appoint three liquidators to wind up the federation.

QUIZ ANSWERS

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STARS OUT FOR SHILTON

PETER Shilton is to be honoured with a star-studded testimonial match at White Hart Lane on Tuesday, December 18.



PETER SHILTON

Shilton has never had a testimonial at club level so it was decided to honour his world record 125 international caps with a well deserved benefit.

Graham Taylor has agreed to pick an England side to take on a World Cup team which will be selected by for-

mer West German team manager Franz Beckenbauer.

England will field many of their World Cup stars including Paul Gascoigne and Gary Lineker and, hopefully, Bryan Robson.

Among the world stars who have agreed to play are German trio

Lothar Matthaus, Andreas Brehme and Jurgen Klinsmann.

Beckenbauer says: "I have known Peter for many years and I hope we can provide a spectacular evening and a fitting tribute to a great goalkeeper."

Bryan Robson denies rumor



BRYAN ROBSON

INJURY-plagued ex-England captain Bryan Robson has dismissed speculation that he planned to leave Manchester United.

"People keep trying to push me into management but my concern is to get fit to play for Manchester United and win my England place back," said Robson, who has not played this season following two operations on an Achilles tendon.

Robson was forced to fly home early from

the World Cup finals earlier this year because of the injury.

Speculation over his future has been fuelled by the fact his contract at United expires at the end of this season and has not yet been renewed.

It has been suggested Robson could move back to his native Newcastle and take over as player-manager there.

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson said: "There is nothing sinister in the fact we haven't talked about a new contract for Bryan."

Milan to beat Olimpia

BY LOU GAUTIER

AC MILAN are favourites to win the Toyota Cup — symbol of intercontinental club supremacy — in Tokyo on Sunday.

Australian fans, as always, will be able to watch the game live — courtesy, of course, of SBS-TV — at 1.45pm EST.

Milan's opponents, Olimpia of Asuncion, Paraguay, will provide tough competition, though.

Olimpia, winners of the 31st edition of the Libertadores Cup, the South American Champions' Cup, won the Intercontinental Cup, predecessor of the Toyota Cup, in 1979 and were finalists against Nacional Medellin, of Colombia, in last season's Libertadores.

Olimpia, founded on July 25, 1902, are the oldest Paraguayan football club and have always been the country's top side.

They have won 40 league titles and were also a finalist in the first Libertadores Cup, in 1960.



Evani, on Sunday, is expected to be a starter.

Milan should field its strongest team, likely to read: Andreas Pazzagli, Mauro Tassotti, Paolo Maldini, Franco Baresi, Alessandro Costacurta, Frank Rijkaard, Carlo Ancelotti, Evani, Gianluca Gaudenzi

42-year-old goalkeeper Ever Almeida, who has never played better, and midfielder Gabriel Gonzalez, 30, nicknamed "El Loco" ("The Crazy One"), and who is said to have one of the most lethal left feet in Latin America.

Gonzalez can also play as a left winger

of Adriano Samaniego and Raul Vicente Amarilla.

Samaniego was the top scorer in the Libertadores, with eight goals.

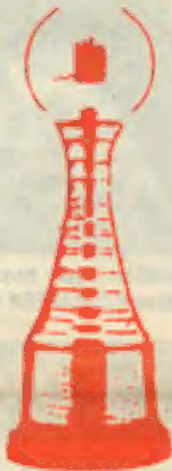
Amarilla, nicknamed the "van Basten of South America", has been Olimpia's top scorer for the past four seasons.

Aged 30, he cannot play for Paraguay, however, as he is a Spanish citizen.

Though Paraguayan-born, he played for Spain "B" while appearing for Zaragoza and Barcelona.

Milan need little introduction.

All soccer fans are fully conversant with their array of world-class stars.



Their fabulous Dutch trio of Rijkaard, Gullit and van Basten will again be the focus of attention for the capacity crowd of 70,000 at Tokyo's Olympic Stadium, but Milan is much more than just their "Dutch Connection."

Coach Arrigo Sacchi, over the years, has blended the best balanced side in Europe as two consecutive European cup wins testify.

Milan should have too much strength all-round and experience for their gallant Paraguayan opponents.

Despite the better record of South Amer-

TOYOTA CUP



ican clubs in the Toyota Cup series, I expect Milan to repeat their 1989 victory to again emerge — officially — as the best club side in the world.



Olimpia players and fans celebrate their Libertadores Cup win in October.

Olimpia reached this year's Toyota Cup by defeating Barcelona of Ecuador in the two-legged final.

Milan, of course, qualified for the Toyota Cup by taking out last season's European Champions' Cup with a 1-0 win over Benfica of Portugal in the final.

Milan won last year's Toyota Cup with a 1-0 win over Nacional of Colombia, but the winning goal only came late in the match, scored by substitute Alberigo Evani.

(Carbone), Marco van Basten, Ruud Gullit.

Olimpia, which prides itself on its great propensity for attacking football, will take the field with the following team if Uruguayan coach Luis Cubilla's side comes through the week without injuries: Ever Almeida, J. Ramirez, Fernandez, Mario Ramirez, Suarez, Gabriel Gonzalez, Balbuena, Guasch, Luis Alberto Monzon, Adriano Samaniego, Raul Vicente Amarilla.

The South Americans' stars are veteran

and if he fills that position on Sunday he will need a special marker, perhaps Costacurta, on him all 90 minutes.

The idol of the club supporters, however, is left side midfielder Luis Alberto Monzon, only 19.

At his tender age, he is already Olimpia's playmaker and an outstanding virtuoso.

A local product, he could be bound for Italian football if he shines against Milan.

In attack, Olimpia are blessed with a lethal double-pronged strike force composed

Cottee set for comeback



TONY Cottee's Everton career has taken more twists than a soap opera, but he believes he can fulfil his \$5 million promise by



playing it Howard's Way.

Little has gone right for Cottee since he broke the British transfer record in the summer of 1988 and pledged to score 30 goals a season for the Merseyside club.

Injuries, illness, goal droughts and transfer demands have all contributed to his Mersey misery as Everton have slipped back into the shadows of Liverpool.

But the return of Howard Kendall has breathed new life into the ailing club — and given Cottee fresh cause for optimism.

Within days of Colin Harvey's inevitable dismissal as manager, Cottee found himself banished to the substitutes' bench — not for the first time — by caretaker boss Jimmy Gabriel.

And, while he appreciates that his first team place may not be guaranteed under the new Kendall-Harvey regime, he says: "Having been instantly dropped by Jimmy Gabriel I was pleased to hear of Howard's appointment."

"His arrival gives me the chance to re-establish myself in the first team and get my Everton career going again. My first couple of years at Goodison have been topsy-turvy to say the least but this is a great opportunity for me to start afresh."

"Howard, of course, may have different ideas about the role I have to play in the club's future, but hopefully this can be the turning point for me and Everton."

"When he was here before Everton were

even better than Liverpool and that's where we hope he can take us again."

Cottee hopes a heart-to-heart discussion with the new Everton boss will reveal where his career is going after a traumatic start to the season.

A viral infection in the summer left the former West Ham striker feeling as though he was at "death's door" and the club's disastrous start to the season did little to lift his spirits.

"It's been a very difficult time for everyone at the club, full of uncertainty and the despondency that goes with failure," he explains.

"We were all disappointed when Colin was sacked and the overall opinion of the players was that we had let him down."

"I know we've had our differences in the past, but I never lost respect for him. That's why I was delighted when he was brought back in."

The reunion of the Kendall-Harvey management team has been greeted with joy throughout Goodison — and not without a hint of surprise either.

"I was convinced, as were most of the players, that Joe Royle would be the next Everton manager,"

says Tony. "He also appeared to be the fans' choice."

BULL SITS PAT

WOLVES' owner Sir Jack Hayward has revealed that the club rejected two official bids for Steve Bull during the summer.

Italian club Genoa tabled a \$6 million bid for the England striker, with First Division Wimbledon offering considerably less.

Sir Jack says: "Having just bought Wolverhampton for \$5 million, it would have been easy to accept the offer, be in profit and leave the team to flounder as it will."

"The bids were on the table at the first board meeting after I bought the club, but we were not interested in selling. Instead, we were delighted to get Steve on an extended contract after the World Cup."

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